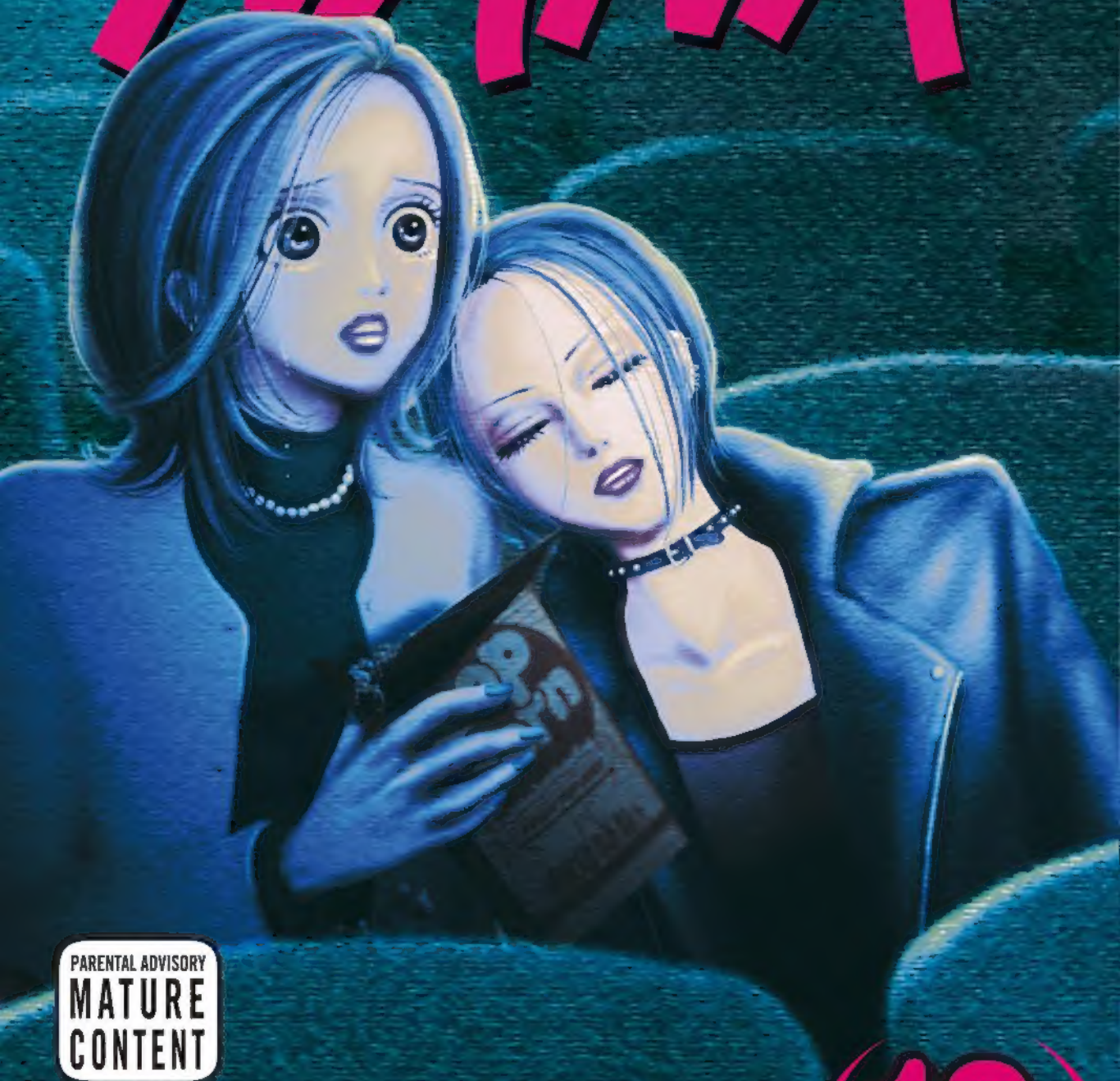




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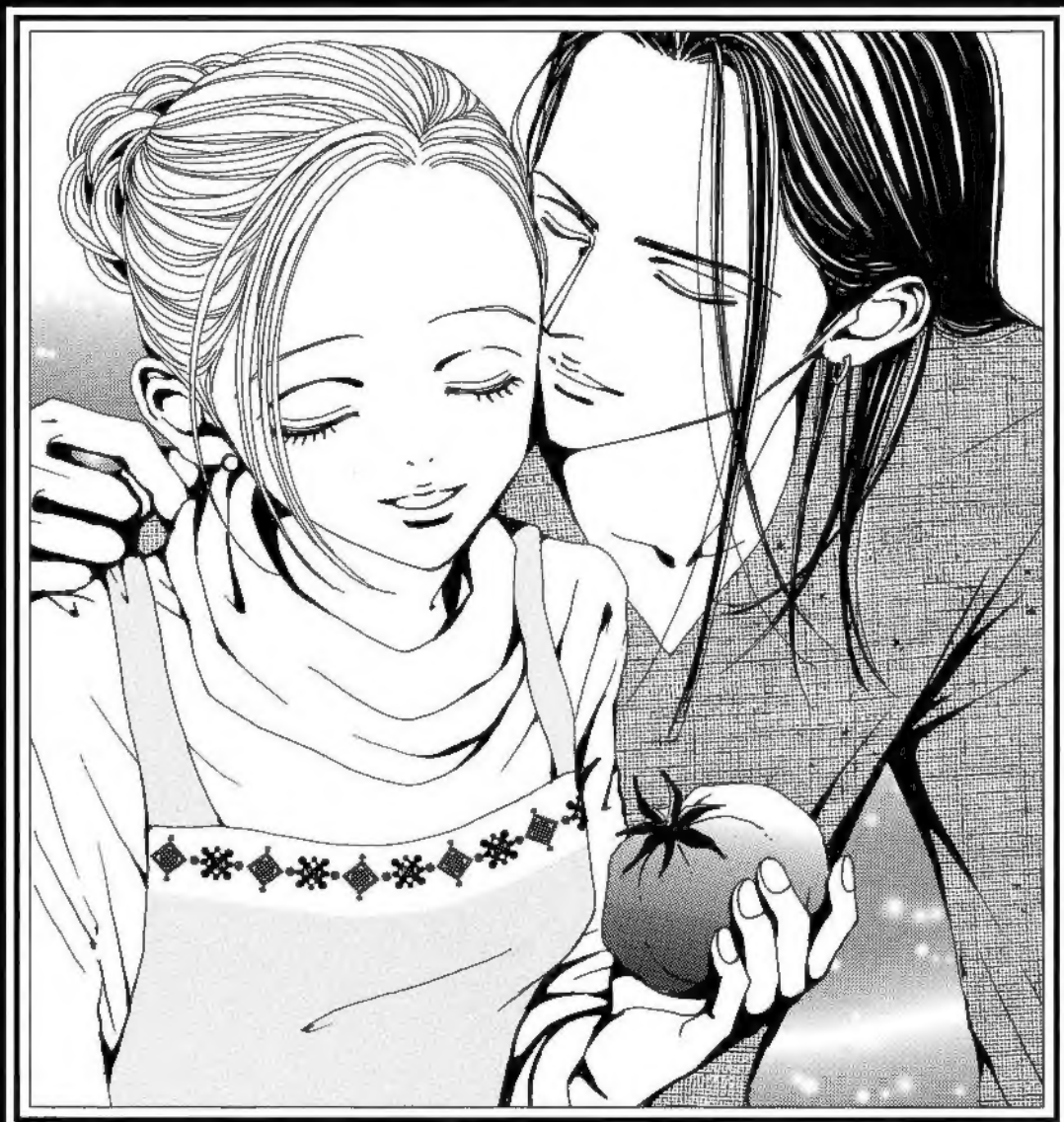
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The Story of Nana

Nana “Hachi” Komatsu and Nana Osaki meet by chance on a train headed for Tokyo. Their personalities and the environments they grew up in are very different, but by fate or by chance, they meet again and become roommates...

Nana is bent on driving her band Blast to surpass Trapnest, partly to win back Hachi from Takumi. Blast signed a temporary contract with a major label, but nothing has come of it—until a celebrity gossip TV show suddenly reports that Nana is dating Ren from Trapnest. Because of this major publicity, the label decides to rush Blast’s debut release...

After they finish at the recording boot camp, Blast starts living in the agency dorms. They play some impromptu street shows and appear on a live TV music show with Trapnest. Out of the blue, Ren proposes to Nana in her dressing room. She’s shocked but eventually accepts...

After seeing the show on TV, Hachi emails Blast to invite them to the fireworks festival. The members of Blast waits for Hachi in Room 707, where the two Nanas used to live. What’s going to happen when they see each other for the first time in months?!

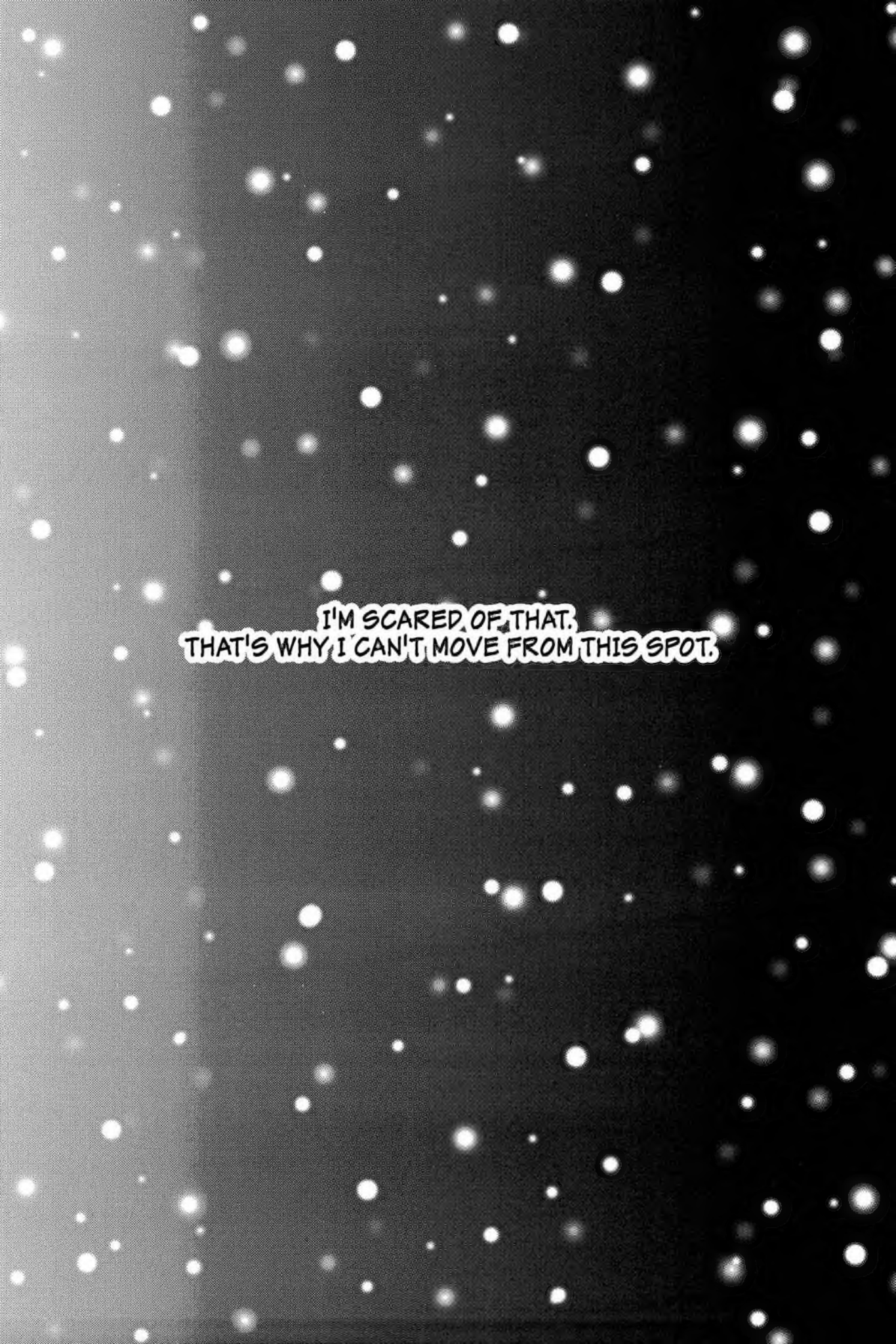
♥For the complete story, please check out *Nana*, volumes 1 - 11.

Available in bookstores everywhere!!

IF I COULD SEE EVERYONE NOW...

...I'D DEPEND ON THEM AGAIN FOR SURE.



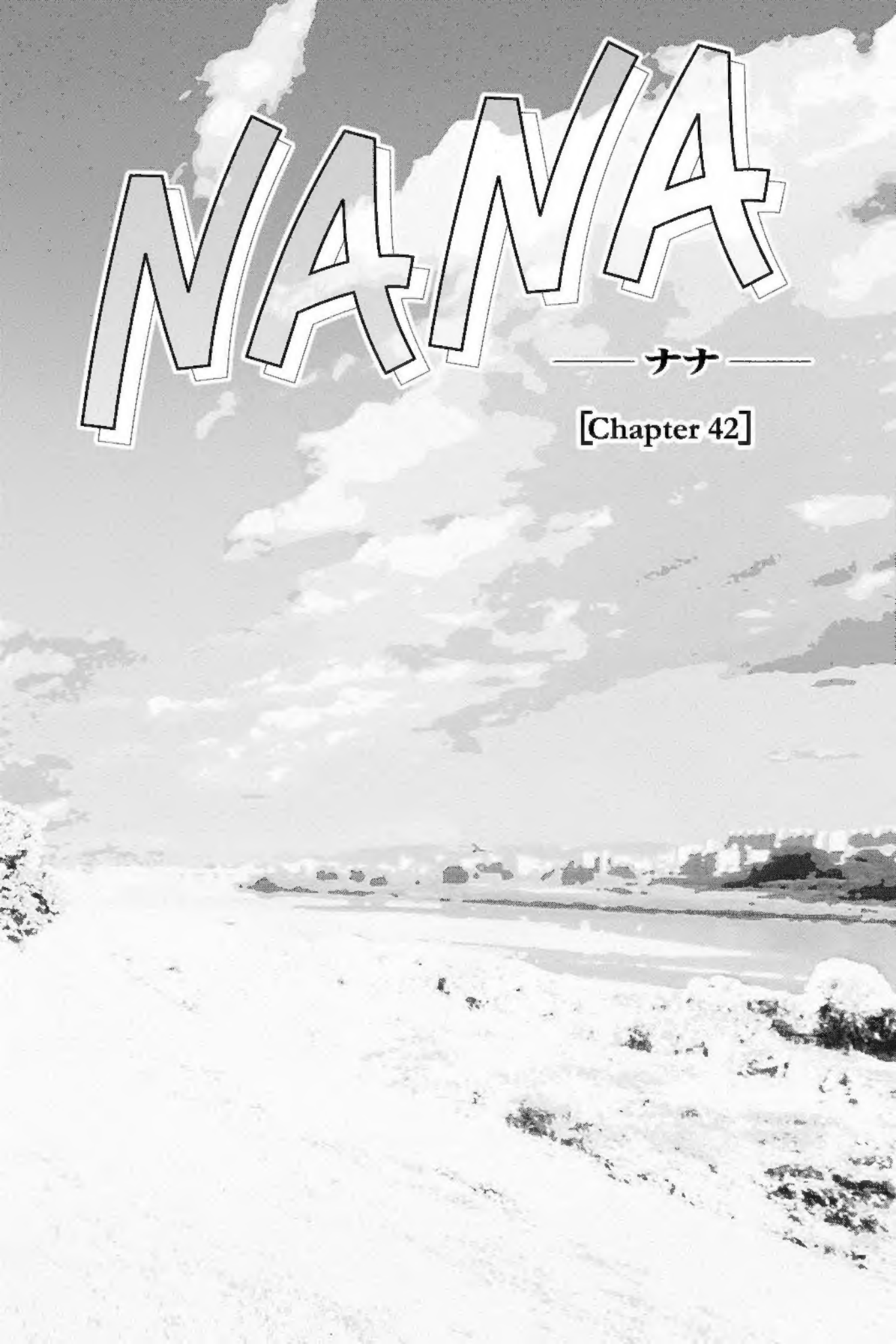


I'M SCARED OF THAT.
THAT'S WHY I CAN'T MOVE FROM THIS SPOT.

NANA

—— ナナ ——

[Chapter 42]







HEY, NANA...

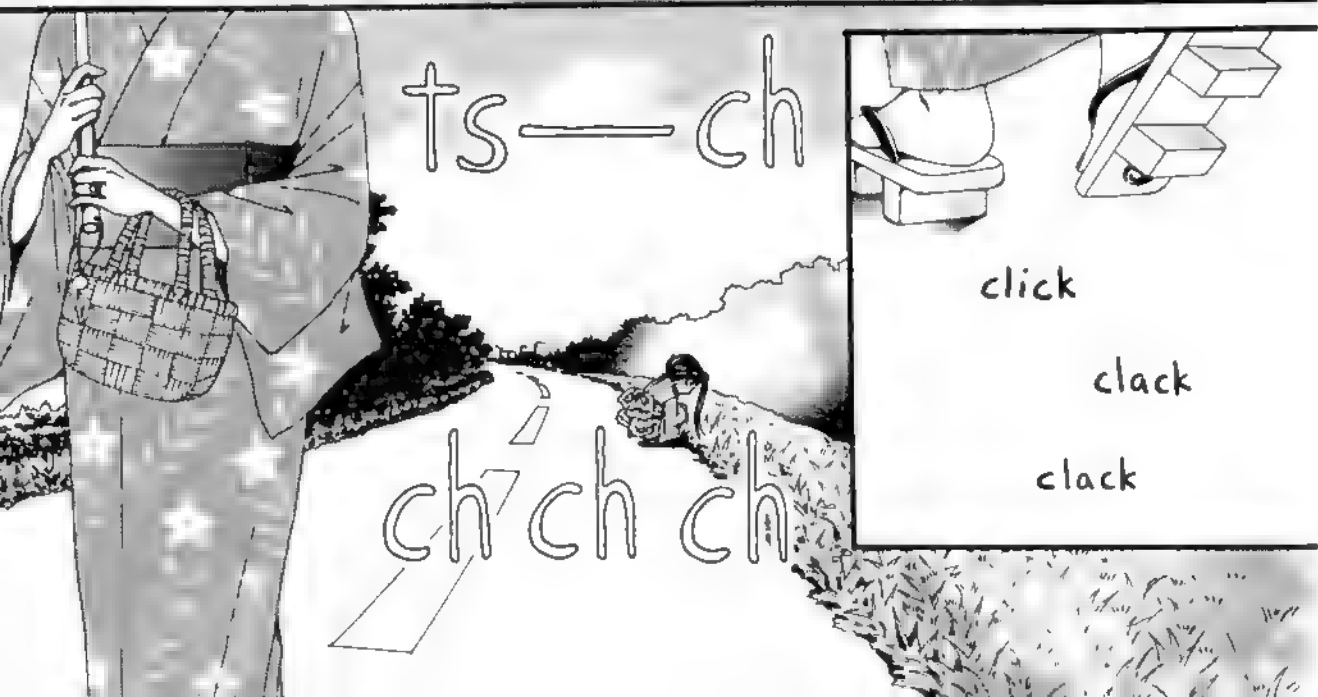
THE MIDSUMMER FLOWERS ARE BLOOMING...

...ALONG THE TAMA RIVER AGAIN THIS YEAR.

WE'RE ALL WAITING IN ROOM 707.

AND I HAD MATCHING YUKATA MADE FOR US, TOO.





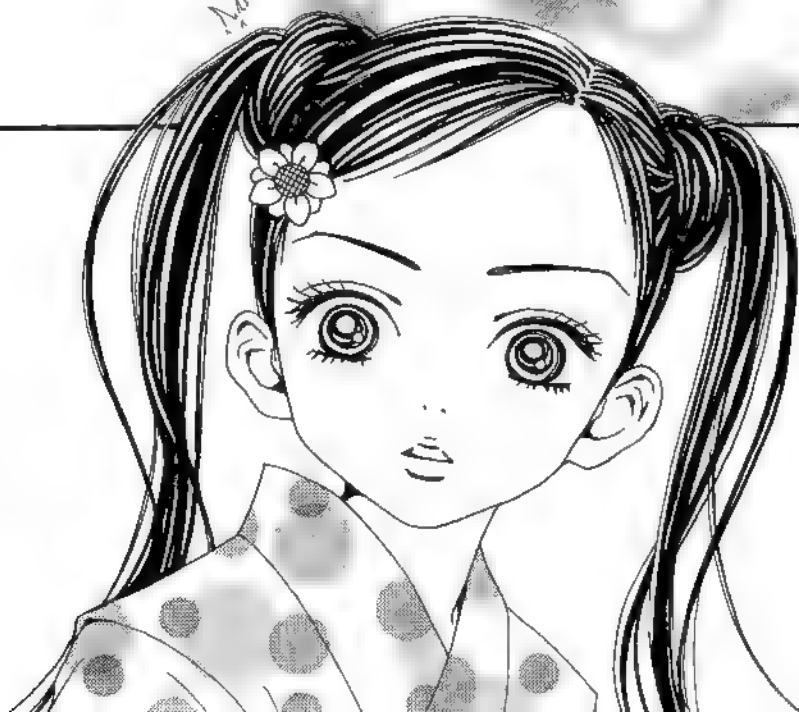
ts—ch tschch



ts—chch



GRAB





WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING?
WE HAVE
TO GET A
MOVE-
ON!



THERE
WAS A
BUTTER-
FLY!

WHAT
?

BUT MOM!
THERE'S
A
BUTTER-
FLY!



IT'S A
FAMOUS
BUTTER-
FLY
I SAW
IN A
BOOK!

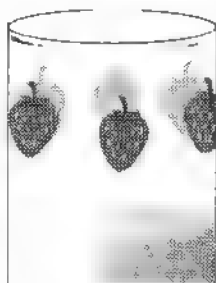
IT'S
BIG AND
BLACK
AND
BEAUTI-
FUL!

IT MUST
BE A
BLACK
SWALLOW-
TAIL.

707



IT'S
NOT A
BUTTER-
FLY?



A
BLACK
SWALLOW-
TAIL?

IT'S
CALLED A
SWALLOW-
TAIL.

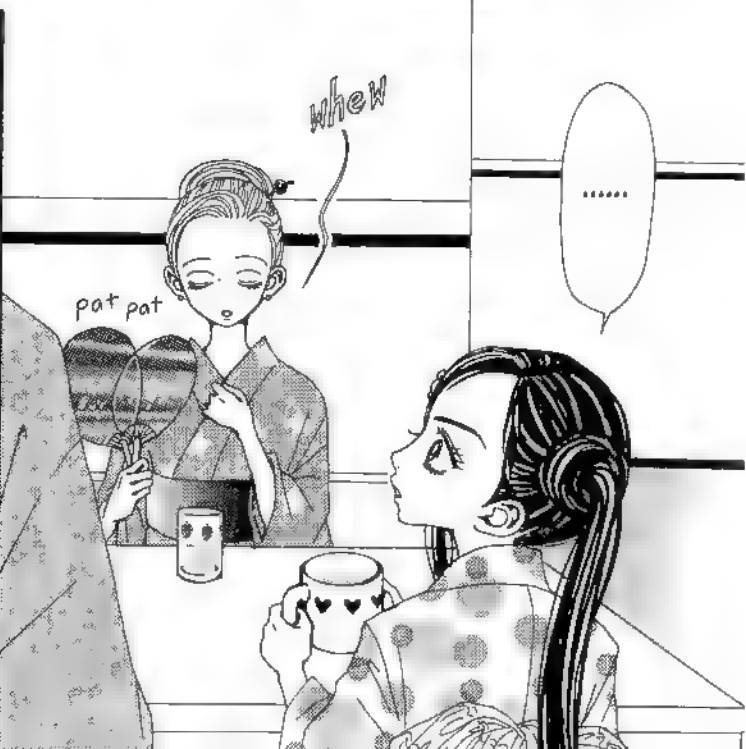
tap

IT'S A
TYPE OF
BUTTER-
FLY.



HOW'S IT
DIFFERENT
FROM A
NORMAL
BUTTERFLY?

A
SWALLOW-
TAIL?





""
↑
Normal
butterfly





THEN TIE
IT LIKE
YOURS,
LIKE A BUTTER-
FLY. ♡

LET
ME
TIE
IT
FOR
YOU!
♡



YOU
THINK
?

WAIT-
HOW DO
I TIE
THIS?



I'M NOT DOING
A BUTTERFLY
KNOT. THIS
ONE'S CALLED
HANABUNKO,
AND YOUNG
GIRLS TIE
THEIR OBI
LIKE THIS.

NO...



SHUT
UP!

W H A T E V E R .

SO YOU
CAN'T TIE
IT EITHER,
HACHI?

W H A T ?

TONIGHT IS
THE ANNUAL
TAMA RIVER
FIREWORKS
FESTIVAL.





IF I START
DRINKING
THIS EARLY,
I WON'T MAKE
IT FOR THE
FIREWORKS.



IT'S
ONLY
BEEN
A FEW
MONTHS.

Ah
Ha
Ha

YOU'RE
LIKE A
LIVING
FOSSIL.

EVERY TIME
I SEE YOU
YASU,
YOU HAVEN'T
CHANGED.



SHUT
UP,
DUDE!

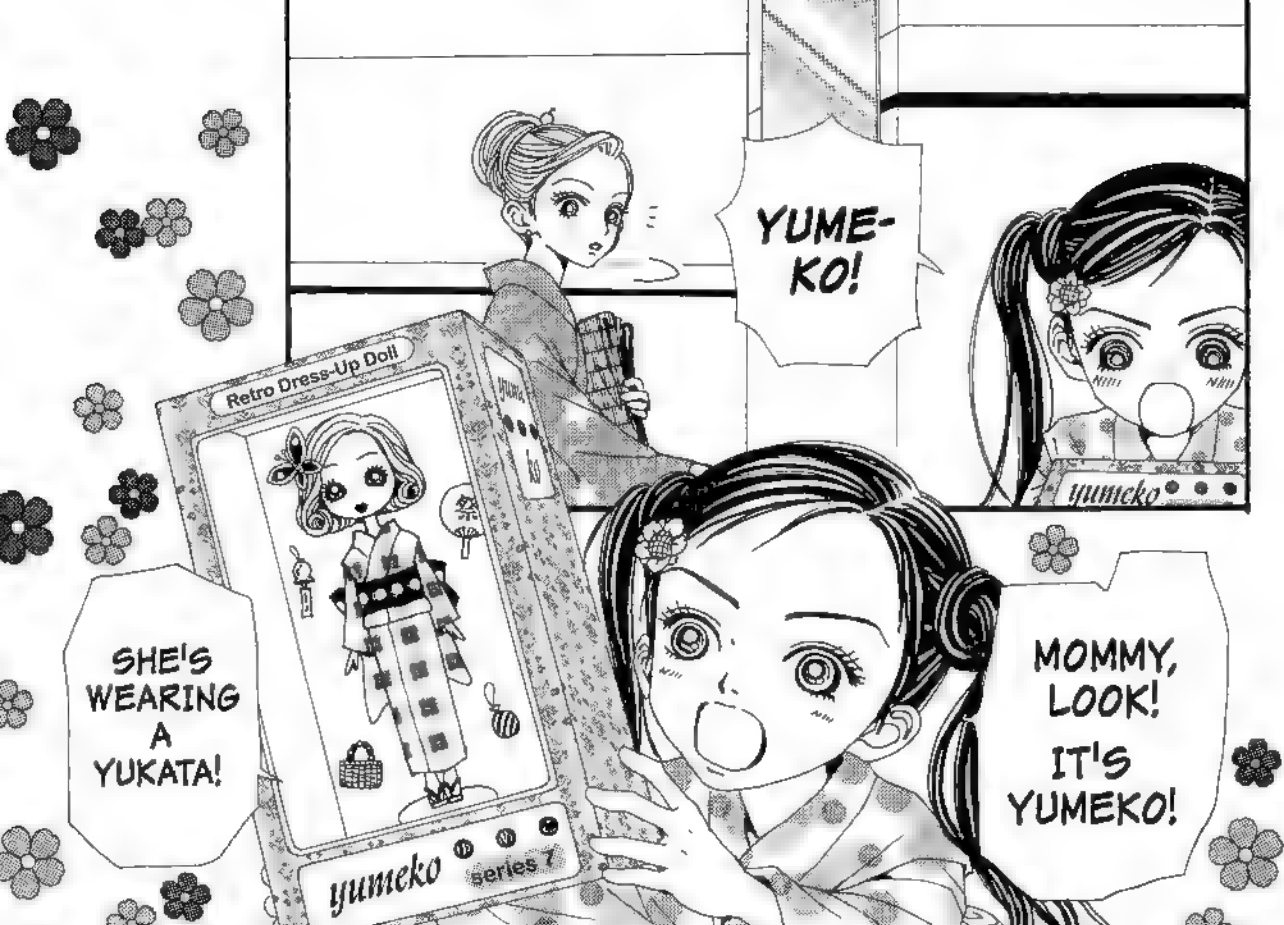
YOU HAVEN'T
CHANGED
EITHER, NOBU...
LIKE YOUR
HEIGHT.

SO EVEN IF
YOU LIVE FOR
A THOUSAND
YEARS,
YOU'LL STAY
THE SAME.

NO, YOU
HAVEN'T
CHANGED AT
ALL SINCE
HIGH
SCHOOL...



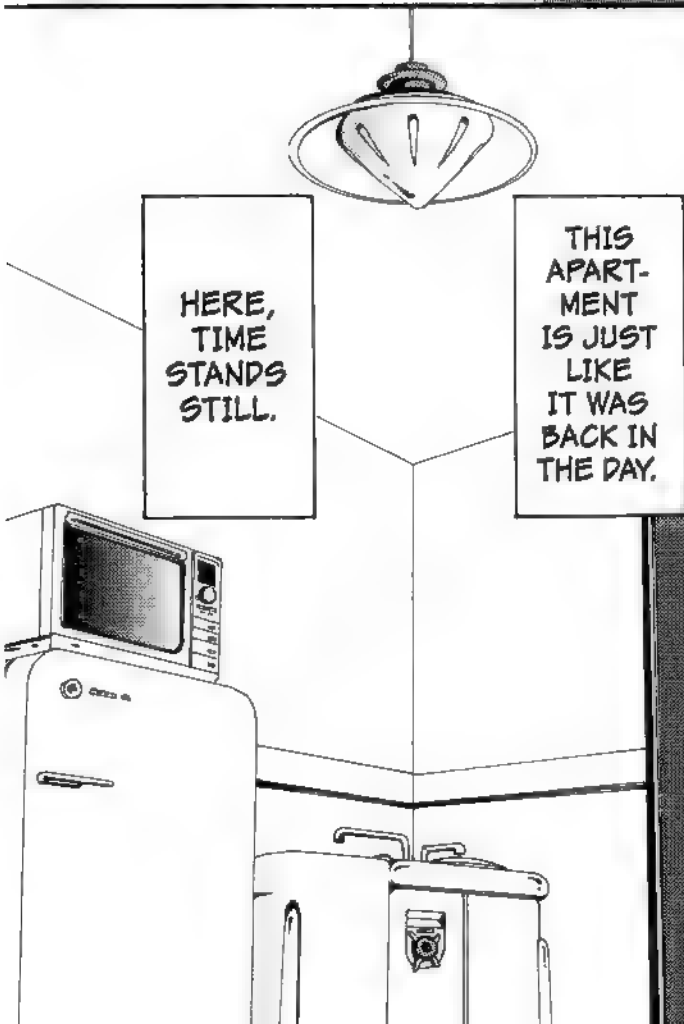




A black and white manga panel. A woman with long dark hair tied in a ponytail with a flower accessory is smiling and holding a box of 'Yumeko' cookies. The box has the name 'Yumeko' written on it.

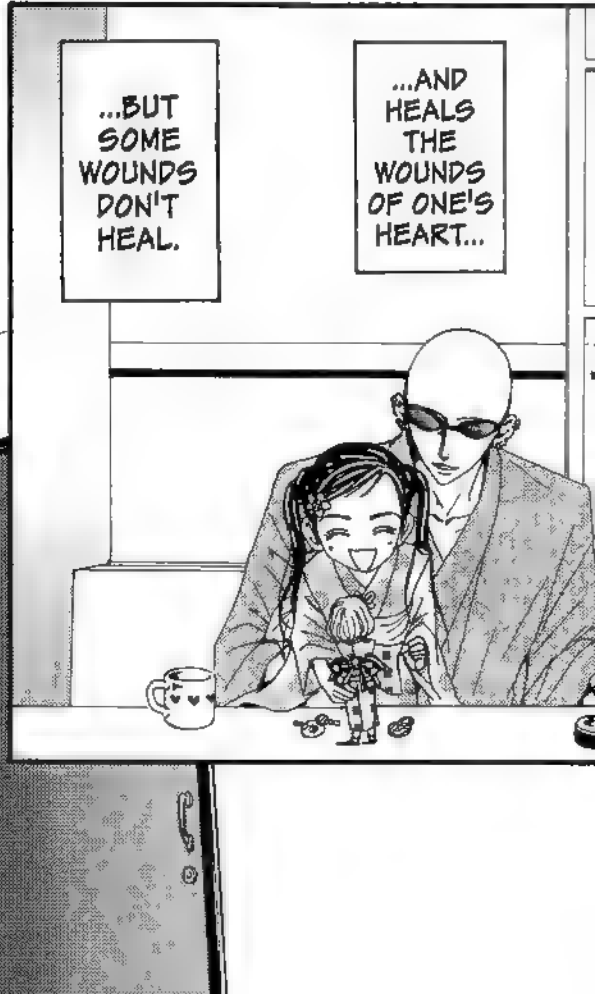
THANKS
SO
MUCH!

THE
PASSAGE
OF TIME
PURGES
THE PAST...

A black and white manga panel showing a kitchen. A refrigerator with a television set on top is on the left. A hanging light fixture is in the center. The room is empty.

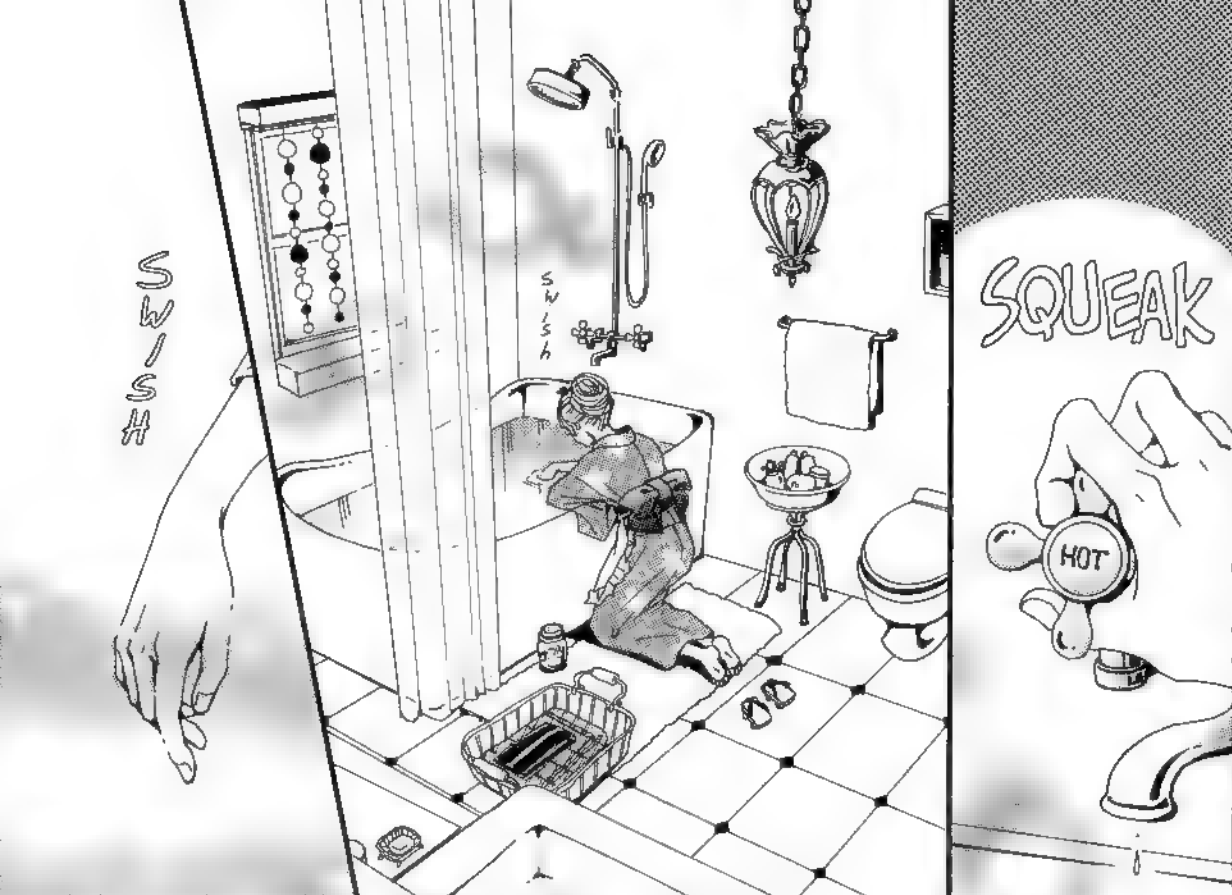
HERE,
TIME
STANDS
STILL.

THIS
APART-
MENT
IS JUST
LIKE
IT WAS
BACK IN
THE DAY.

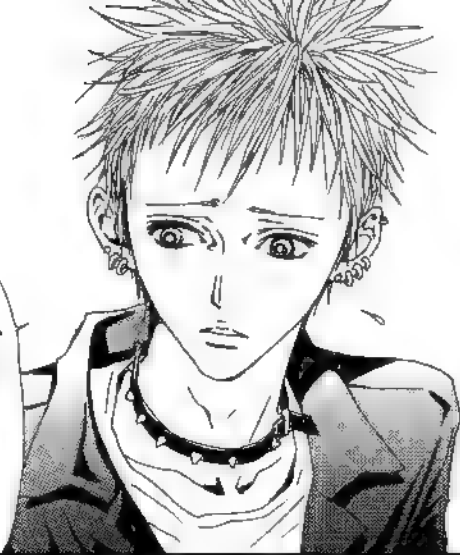
A black and white manga panel showing a man and a woman sitting at a table. The man is bald and wearing sunglasses. The woman is smiling. There is a mug on the table.

...BUT
SOME
WOUNDS
DON'T
HEAL.

...AND
HEALS
THE
WOUNDS
OF ONE'S
HEART...

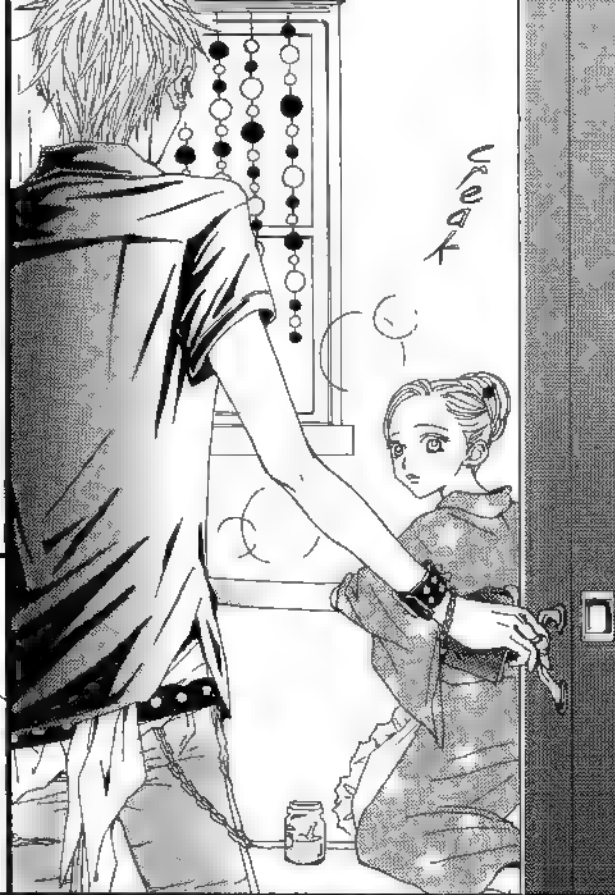


WHAT
ARE
YOU
DO-
ING?



IT
SMELLS
AWE-
SOME,
NO?

I
MADE
YOU A
CITRUS
BATH!
♡

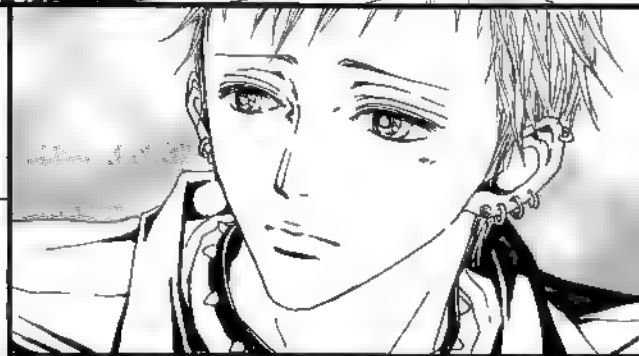


YOU
DON'T HAVE
TO WORRY
ABOUT ME.
I'M ALL
RIGHT NOW.



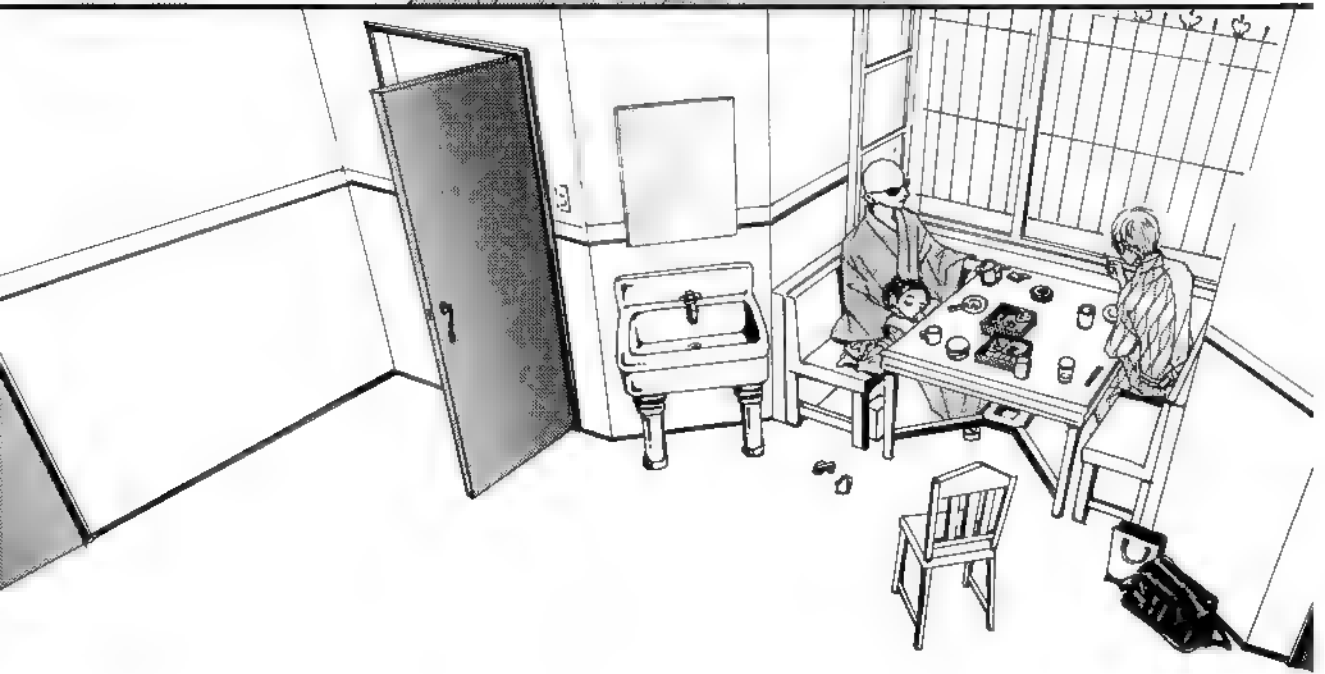
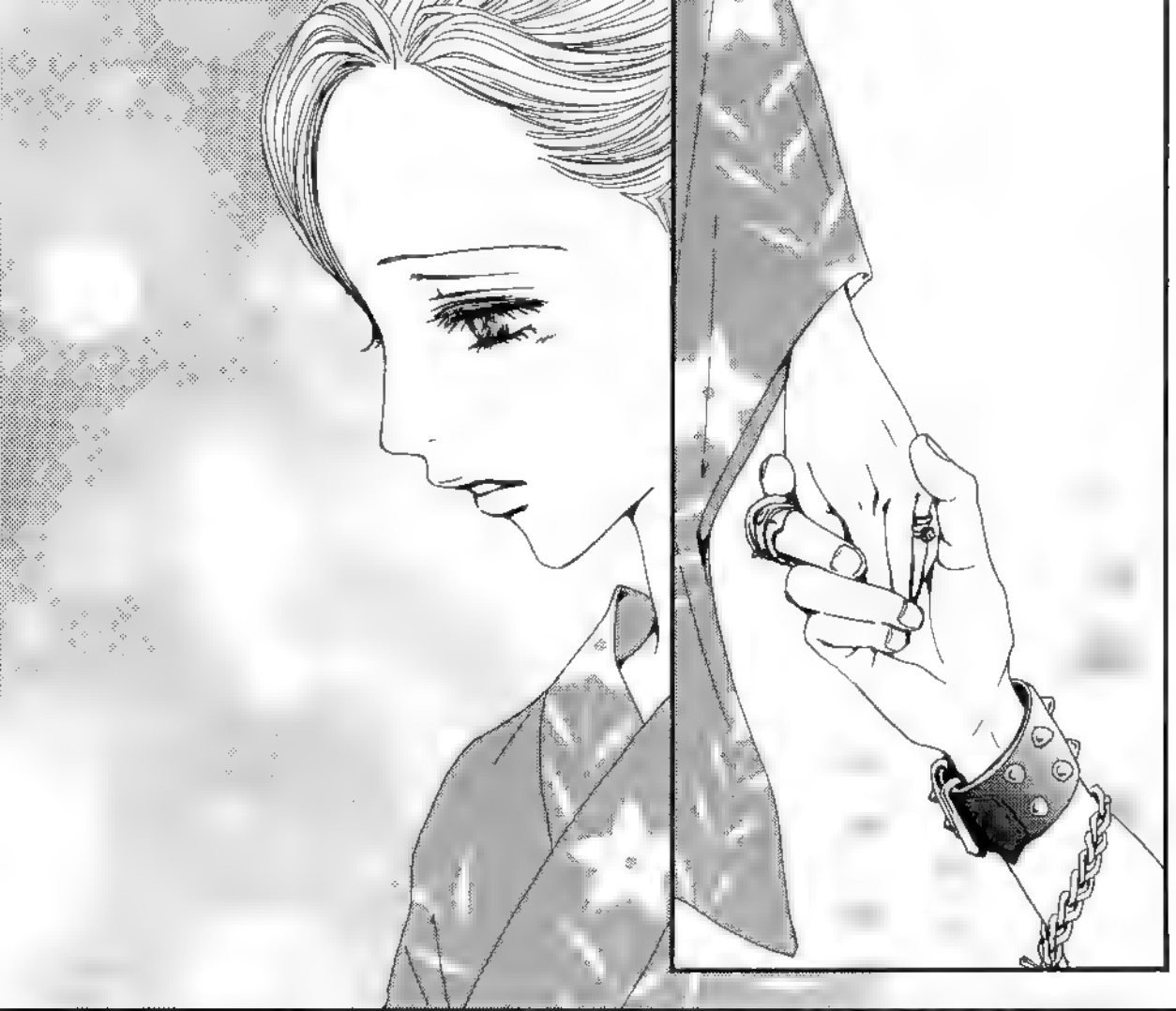
LITTLE
MAN,
I PUT A
TOWEL OUT
FOR YOU,
TOO.

TAKE
YOUR
TIME.
♡



IT'S
HOT
...

Sigh

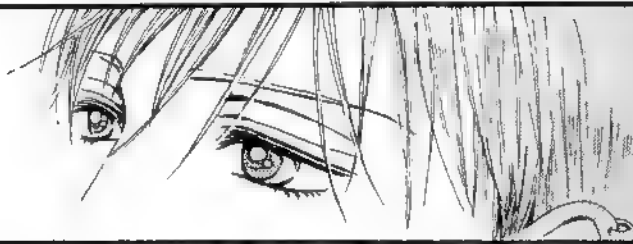


NANA...

THERE'S SO MUCH I WANNA TALK ABOUT...

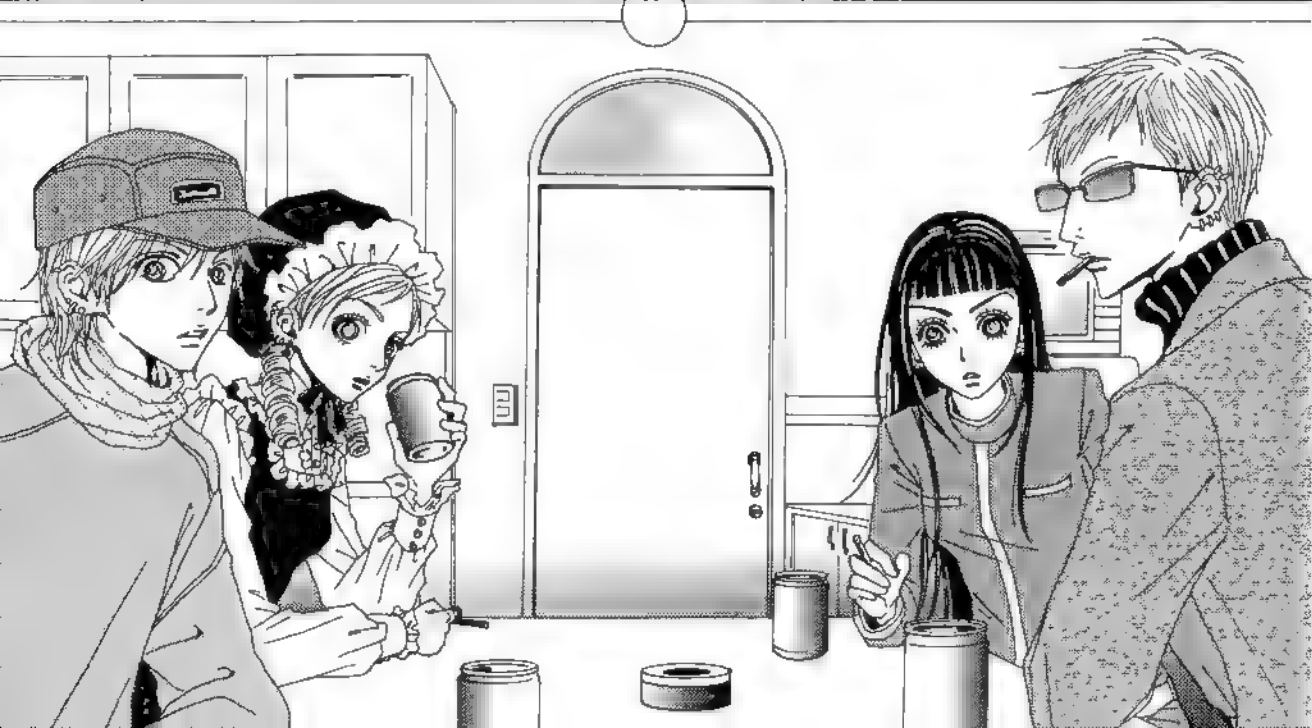
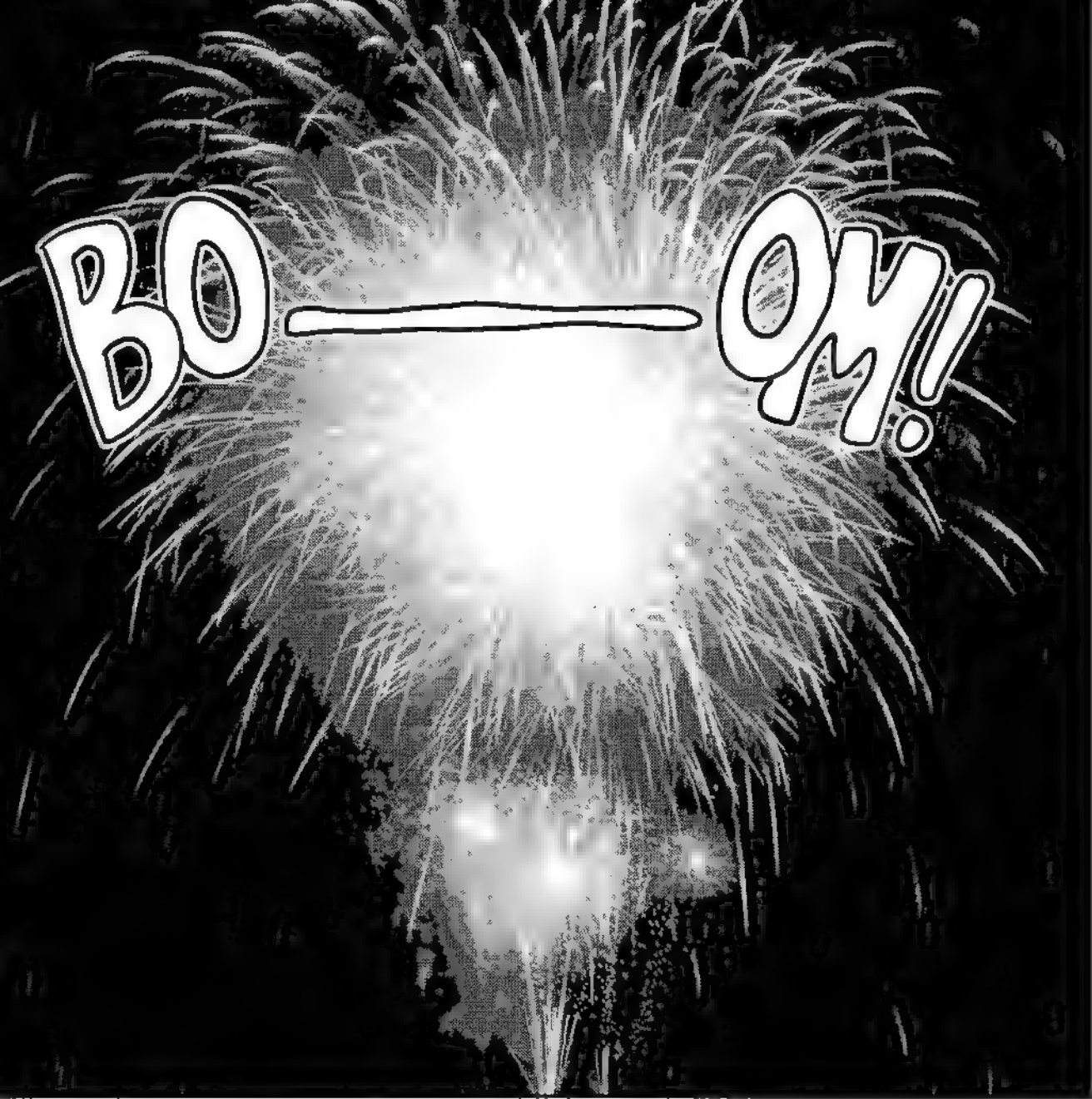


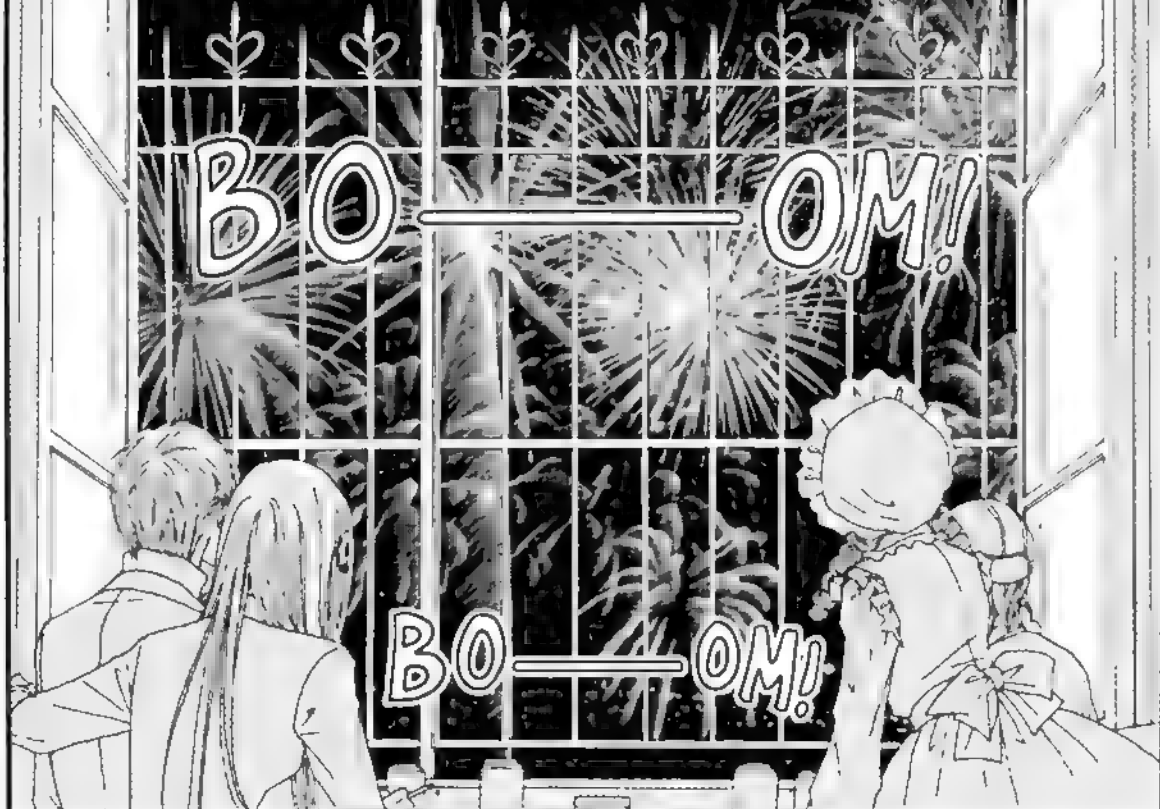
...BUT IN
THIS ROOM...



...ONLY MEMORIES REFLECT IN MY EYES...







WHAT AN
INCRED-
IBLE
VIEW!

WOW-
IT'S SO
AMAZ-
ING!



WHY
ISN'T
SHE
HERE
?!

SO
WHERE'S
HACHI-
KOT!

IF WE
CAN SEE
IT FROM THE
APARTMENT,
WE DON'T
NEED THE
DISGUISES.



BUT
IT
IS
BAD
NEWS!

THE
BARS
ARE
IN
THE
WAY

NO NEWS
IS GOOD
NEWS.

SHE'LL
SHOW
UP AT
SOME
POINT.

NO, THAT GUY
WOULDN'T GET
HUNG UP ABOUT
SOMETHING
LIKE FIRE-
WORKS.

DAMN.

MAYBE
TAKUMI
FOUND
OUT AND
WOULDN'T
LET HER
GO.



EVERY-
ONE'S
WAITING.

I
HAVE
TO
HURRY
UP.

IF I
BREAK
THIS
DATE,
THEN I'LL
REALLY
BE A
TRAITOR
THIS
TIME.



BUT I
CAN'T
STOP
CRYING.

BYE, NANA.



I THOUGHT
THINGS COULD
BE LIKE THEY
USED TO BE,
ONCE THE
BREAKUP
DRAMA DIED
DOWN.

WE WERE
GOOD
FRIENDS
BEFORE
WE WENT
OUT.



...WHEN I
WAS WITH
SHOJI.

BUT NOW I
REALIZE
THAT I FELT
MOST
COMFORT-
ABLE...

I
THOUGHT
TALKING
TO HIM
WOULD
BRING
SOME
CLOSURE...

WHAT
SHOULD
I DO?



I'LL
GET
SAD
AND
START
CRYING
AGAIN.

IF I SEE
NOBU NOW...

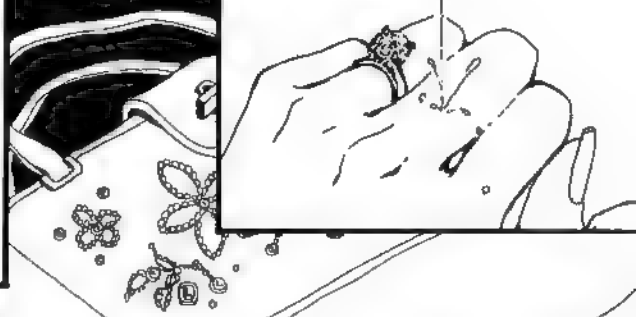
...I WON'T
BE ABLE
TO ACT
NORMAL.



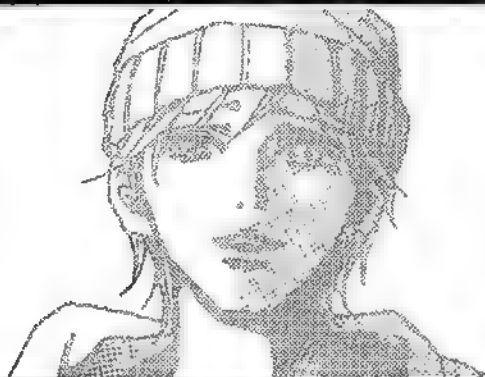
r
i
n
g

BUT I
REALLY
LOST HIM
FOREVER.

I
SHOULDN'T
HAVE
TAKEN
HIM FOR
GRANTED.



SO I PROBABLY
WON'T SEE YOU AGAIN.



b
e
e
p

IF I
CAN'T
GO,
I HAVE
TO
TELL
THEM
SOME-
THING.

BUT I
CAN'T
DITCH
THEM
WITHOUT
SAYING
ANY-
THING.



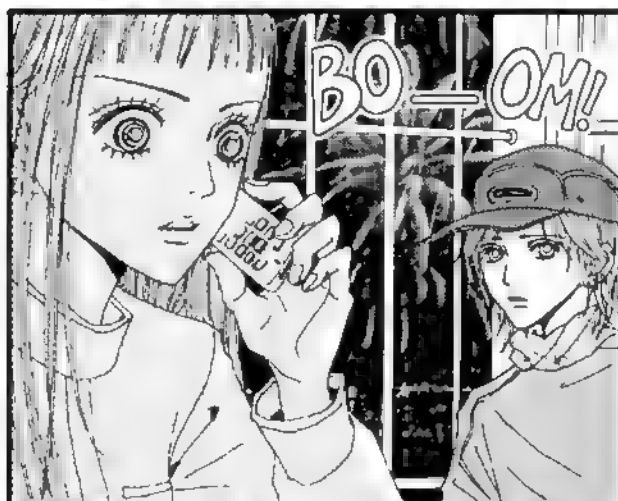
WHAT
SHOULD
I DO?





BO—OM!

WHY NOT?
?!



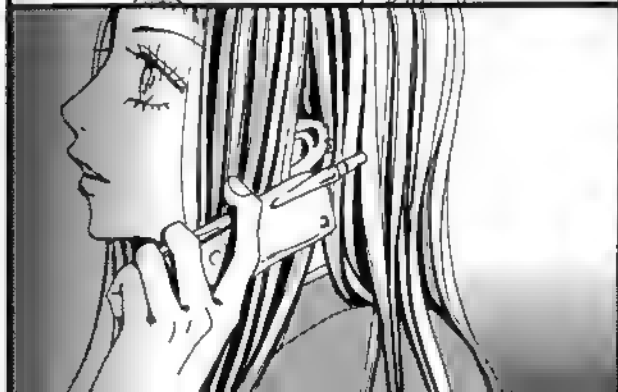
BO—OM!



WHY'RE YOU
CRYING?
WHAT
HAPPENED?

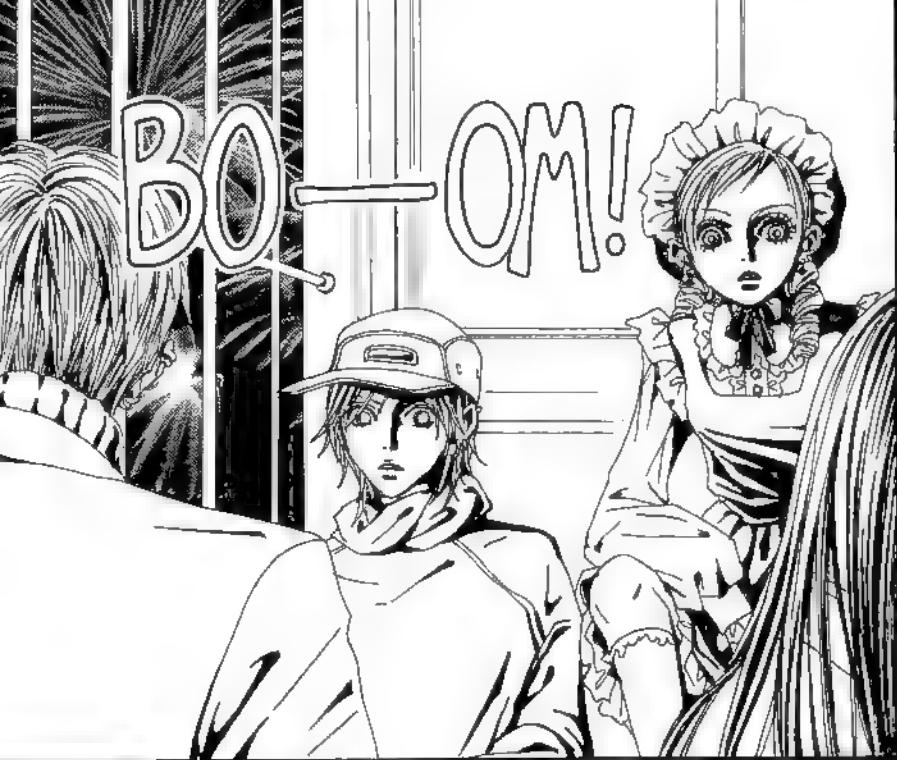


Sniff

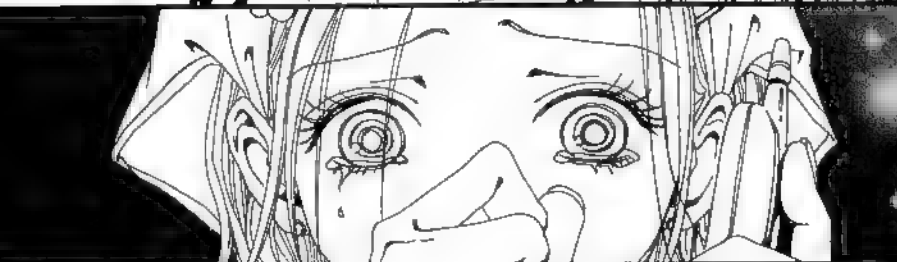


I
THINK
I'M
AFRAID
...

...OF
SEEING
NOBU.



DON'T
WORRY
...



....
WHAT
A
COWARD.

SO AT
THE LAST
MINUTE HE
SAID HE'S
NOT
COMING.

YOU
KNOW
HE'S GOT
NO
BALLS...

...
NOBUO'S
NOT
HERE.



....
DON'T
JUST
LEAVE
US
HIGH
AND
DRY
NOW.

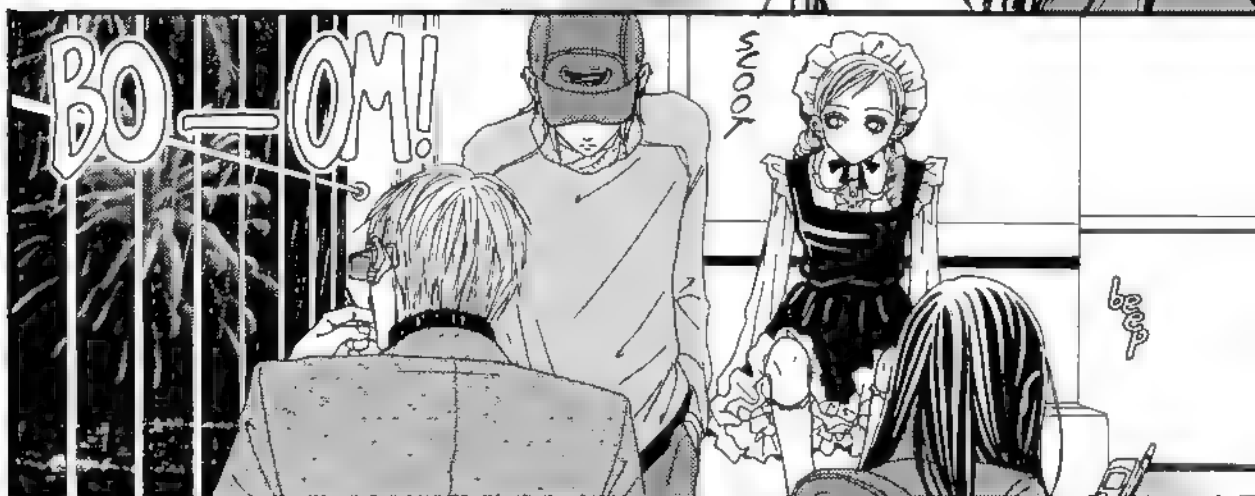
SHIN
AND
YASU
REALLY
WANNA
SEE
YOU.

SO
DON'T
WORRY
ABOUT
ANY-
THING,
JUST
GET
OVER
HERE.



HURRY
UP AND
GET OVER
HERE.

I WANNA
SEE YOU
SOON,
HACHIKO.



THAT
INTERPRETA-
TION'S
CONVENIENT
FOR YOU.

HACHI'S
IN LOVE
WITH
YOU,
DUDE!

THAT'S NOT
WHAT SHE SAID!
SHE SAID
SHE'S SCARED
TO SEE YOU!



SHE
DOESN'T
WANNA
SEE ME,
SO I CAN'T
STAY.

I'M
GOING
HOME.

WHERE
ARE YOU
GOING,
NOBUO?



HER AND
TAKUMI'S
WEDDING
IS IN TWO
WEEKS!

REALLY
SOON.

IF SHE GOT
BACK WITH YOU,
HACHI'D GET
STUCK IN AN
IMPOSSIBLE
SITUATION.

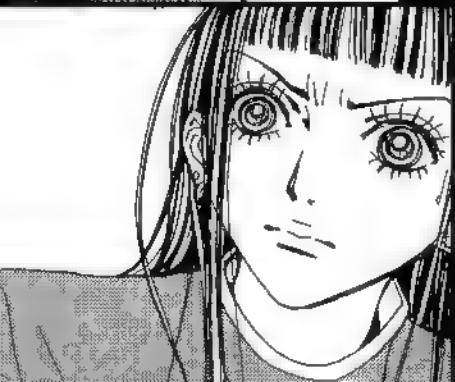
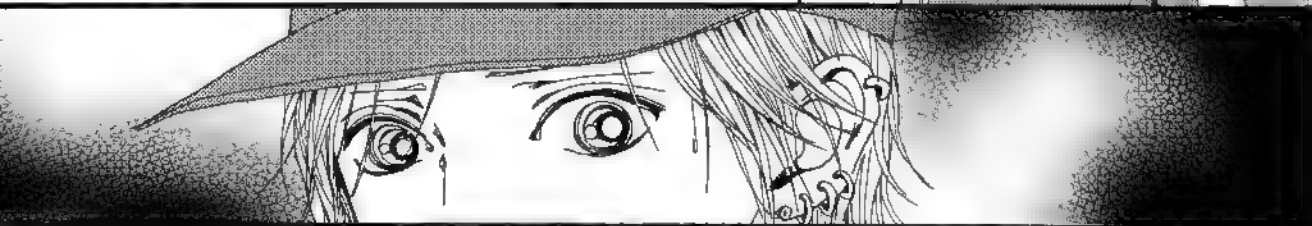
OF
COURSE
SHE'S
SCARED.



NO!
IT'S
'CAUSE
I
KNOW!

I CAN
TOTALLY
RELATE...

...THE FEAR
THAT ONCE YOU
SEE THE OTHER
PERSON, YOU'LL
GET SWEEP
AWAY AGAIN!



WHY
CAN'T
YOU
JUST
GET
STUCK
WITH
HER?!



THAT'S
EVEN
MORE
REASON
NOT
TO SEE
HER.

GINPEI
TOLD
ME.

SHE'S
GOT
THE
SAME
PROBLEM
AS
ME.

BUT
NOW
YOU
LIKE
THAT
GIRL
IN THE
DORMS,
RIGHT?

YOU
DIDN'T
REALLY
LOVE
HER AS
MUCH
AS YOU
SAID
YOU
DID.

YOU JUST
WANTED TO
COMFORT
HACHI WHEN
SHE GOT
DUMPED BY
SHOJI AND
WAS GETTING
PLAYED BY
TAKUMI.

WELL,
FINE.

SHE'S
MENTALLY
UNSTABLE,
SO IF SHE
DOESN'T
TAKE HER
CRAZY PILLS,
SHE CAN'T
EVEN WORK.

WHAT
WOULD
YOU
KNOW
ABOUT
IT?!

OF
COURSE
I
LOVE
HER!

SHE'S
STILL
A GOOD
PERSON.

SO
WHAT!

SO
YOU CAN
PRETEND
TO BE
THE
HERO.

...YOU'VE
ALWAYS
GONE FOR
THE GIRLS
WHO YOU THINK
NEED TO BE
RESCUED.

SINCE
I
FIRST
MET
YOU...



NOBU.

BUT WHEN
YOU'RE
ABOUT TO
GET SERIOUS,
YOU JUST
LET HER
GO?

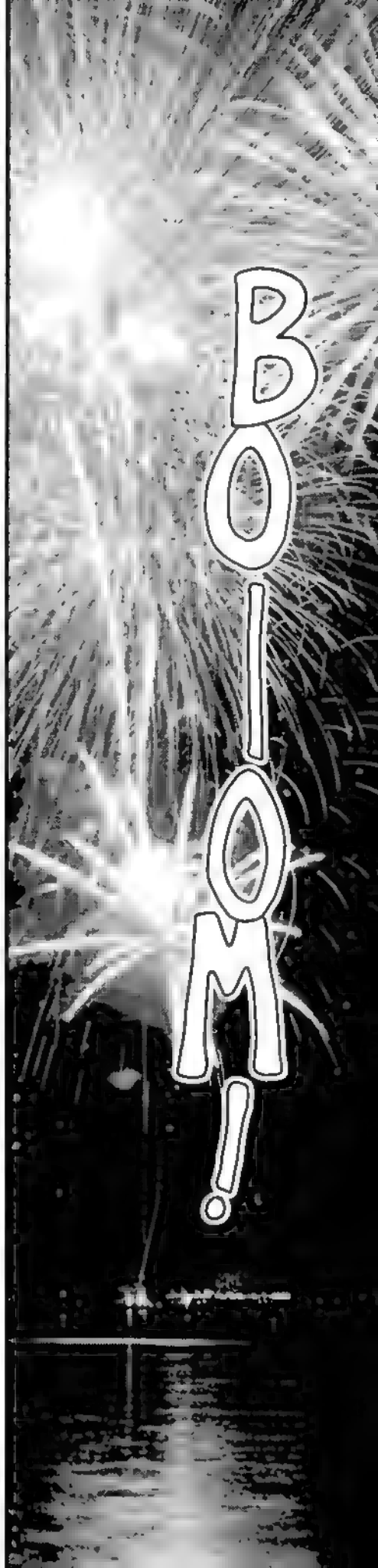
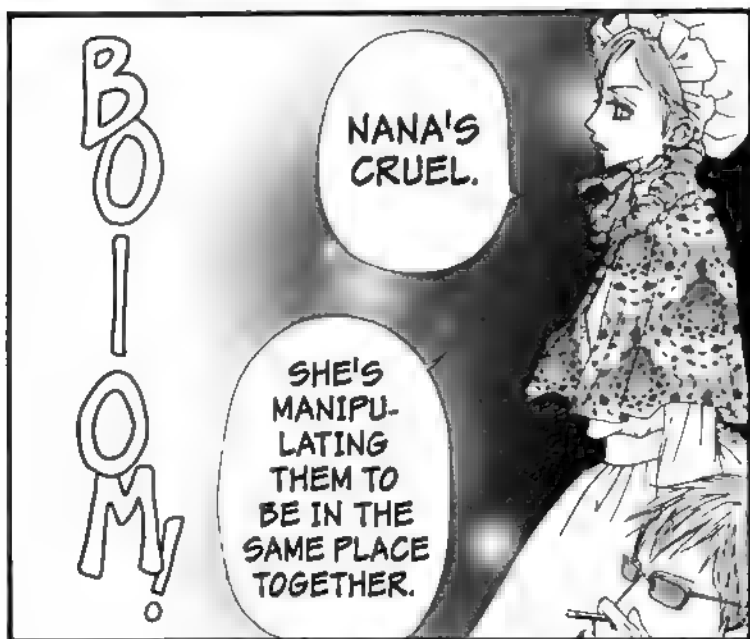
CUT
IT
OUT.

NANA
...

SHE'S
JUST
TRYING
TO RILE
YOU UP.

DON'T
LISTEN
TO
HER.

WELL,
THAT'S
THE
EASY WAY
OUT.





...THAT
LETS
EVERYONE
BE HAPPY.

HE'S
DOING
HIS BEST
TO WALK
THE LINE...

NOBU'S
A
PACIFIST.



THAT'S
TRUE...



I DON'T
THINK
AVOIDING
CONFLICT
MEANS NOT
CARING.



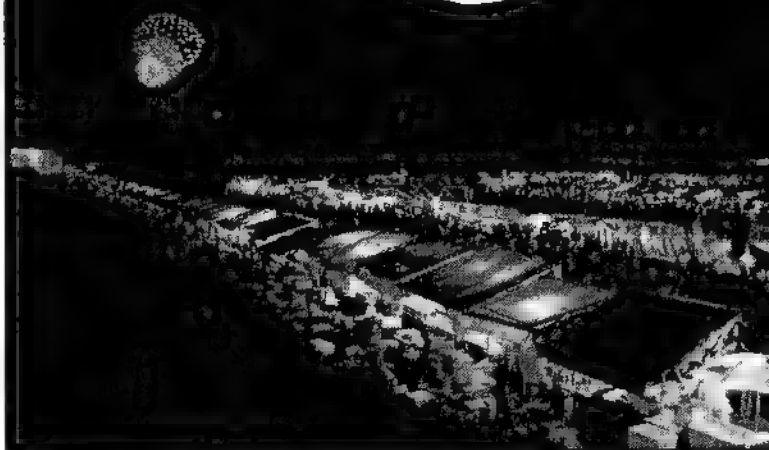
WHAT'LL
IT BE?

blah

blah

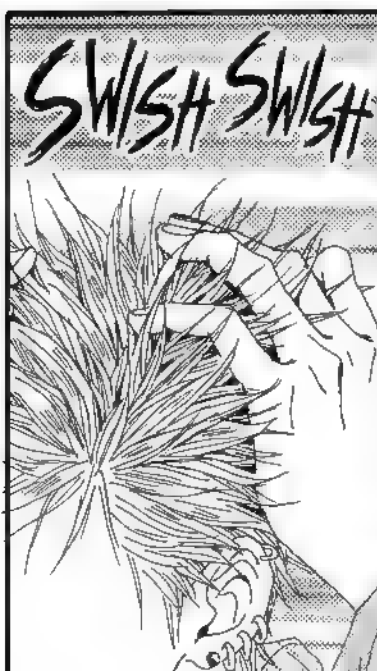
blah

IT'S A
BATTLE
WITH YOUR
OWN
DESIRES.



HOW
MANY DO
YOU
WANT?

HEY,
LADY?



SWISH SWISH

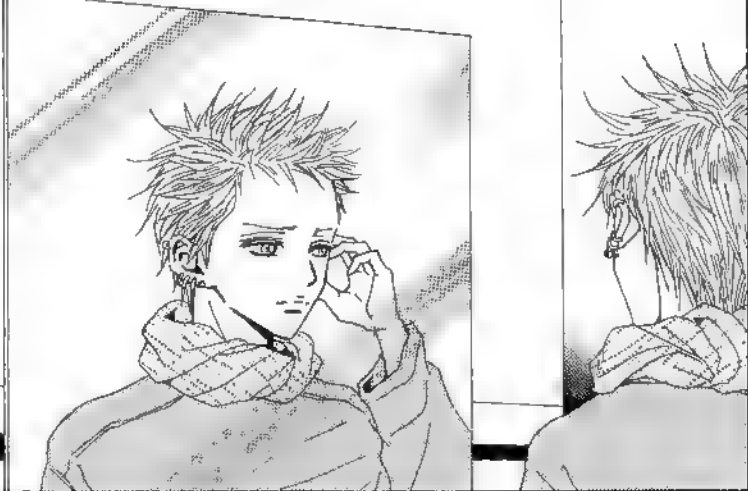


GAK

STYLE WAX

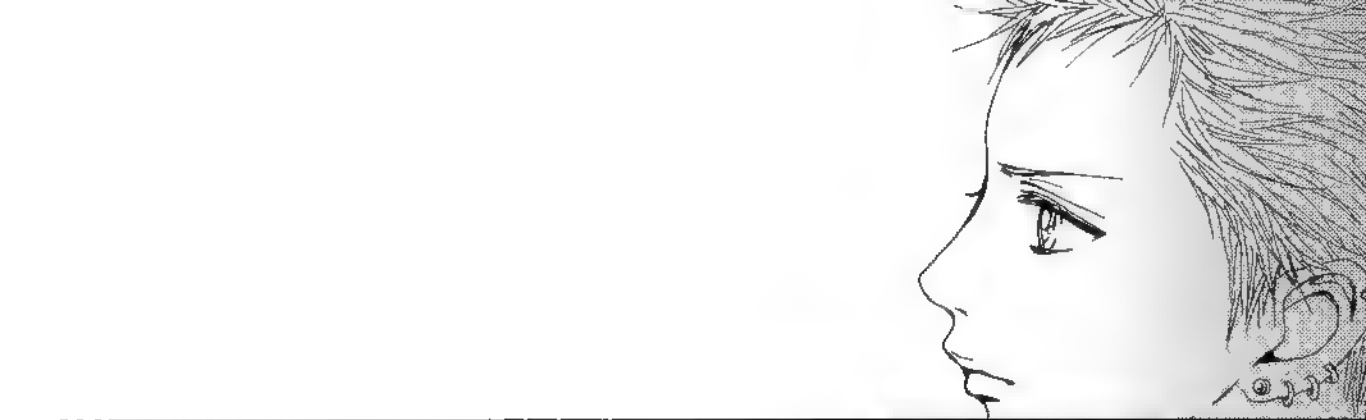


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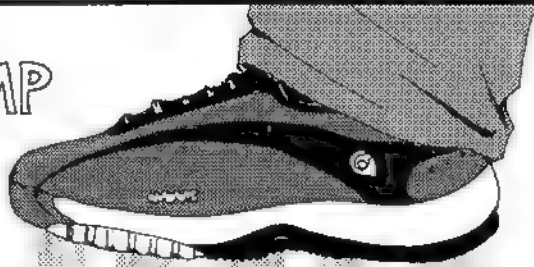


I'LL DO WHATEVER IT TAKES
TO MAKE YOU HAPPY.



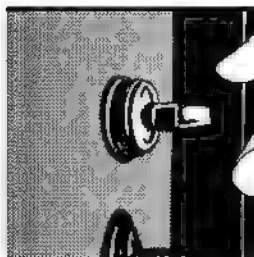


STOMP



I WANNA SEE
YOU SOON, HACHI.

HURRY UP AND
GET OVER HERE.



IF SHE GOT BACK WITH YOU,
HACHI'D GET STUCK IN AN IMPOSSIBLE SITUATION.





THEY
REALLY
ARE
AMAZING.

IT'S
BEEN
SO LONG
SINCE
I'VE SEEN
FIRE-
WORKS.



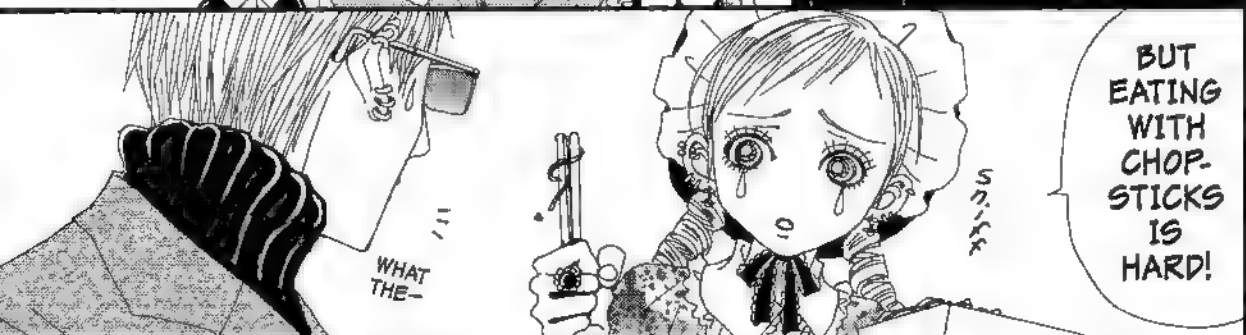
BOOM!



WHAT?

PRETTY
DAMN
GOOD.

THIS IS
THE FIRST
TIME I'VE
HAD FOOD
FROM A
STREET
VENDOR.



WHAT
THE—

BUT
EATING
WITH
CHOP-
STICKS
IS
HARD!

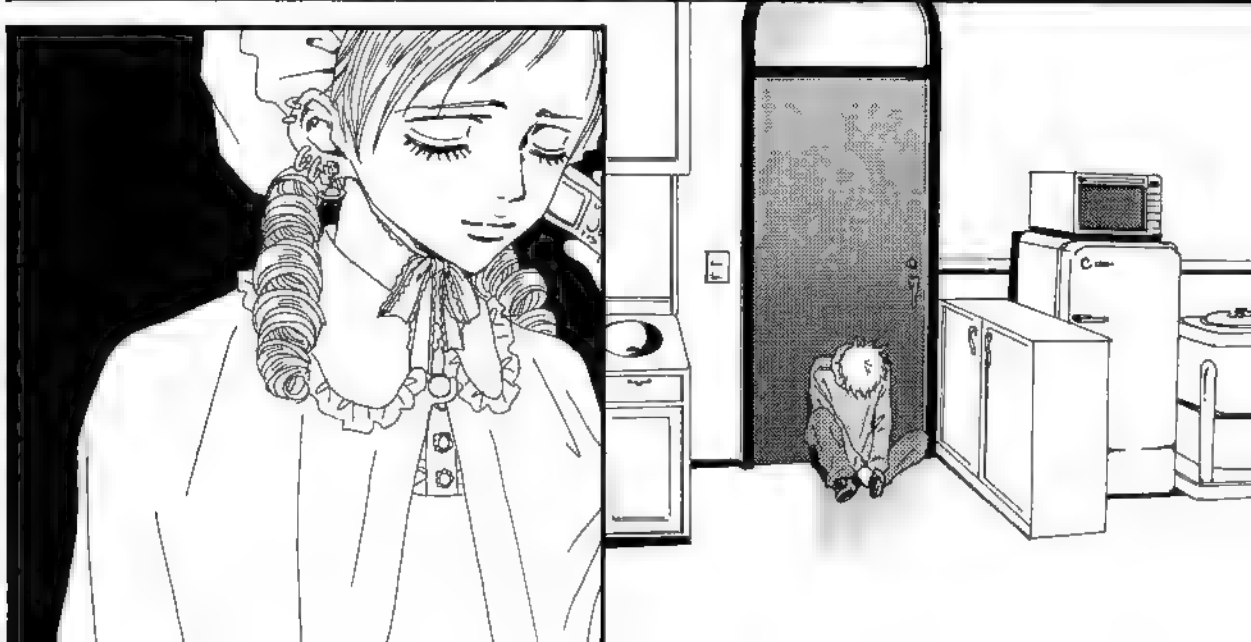
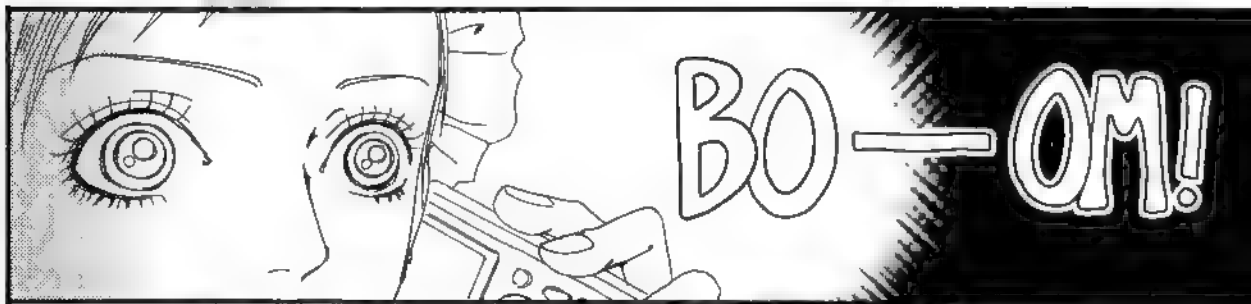
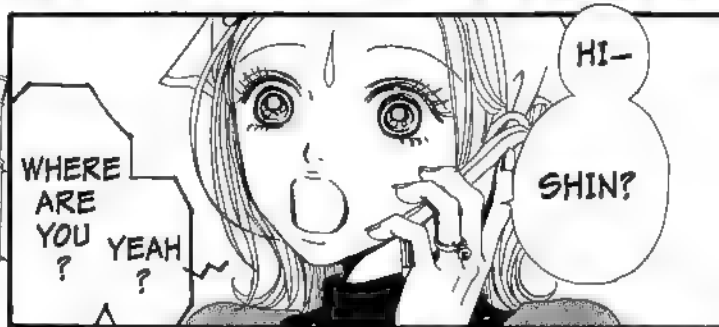


Make
him
practice!

Don't
coddle
him!

I
WONDER
IF THERE'S
A FORK
ANY-
WHERE.

RING





WHERE ARE YOU WATCHING IT FROM?

I'LL COME FIND YOU GUYS.

NO...
I'M SORRY I WAS LATE.



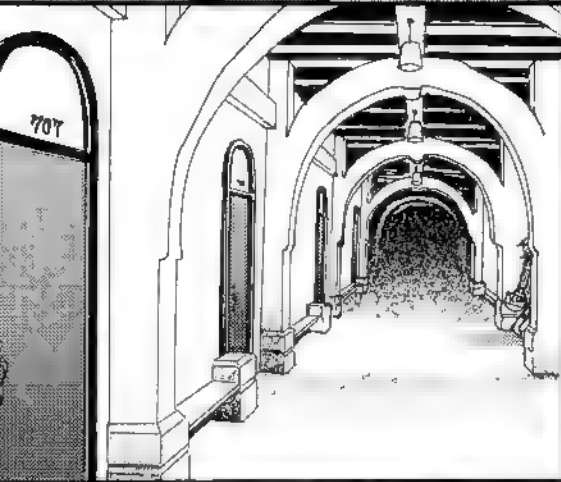
WE COULDN'T WAIT ANY LONGER.

YEAH.

SORRY.



AH HA HA HA



IF I CAN'T FIND YOU, I'LL JUST CALL YOU AGAIN.

YEAH?

ALL RIGHT...

YOU'RE IN DRAG AS A LITTLE GIRL?

WHAT?

stomp

stomp

stomp



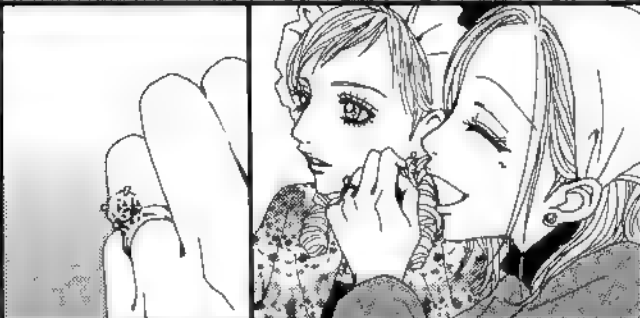
WHY CAN'T YOU JUST GET STUCK WITH HER?!



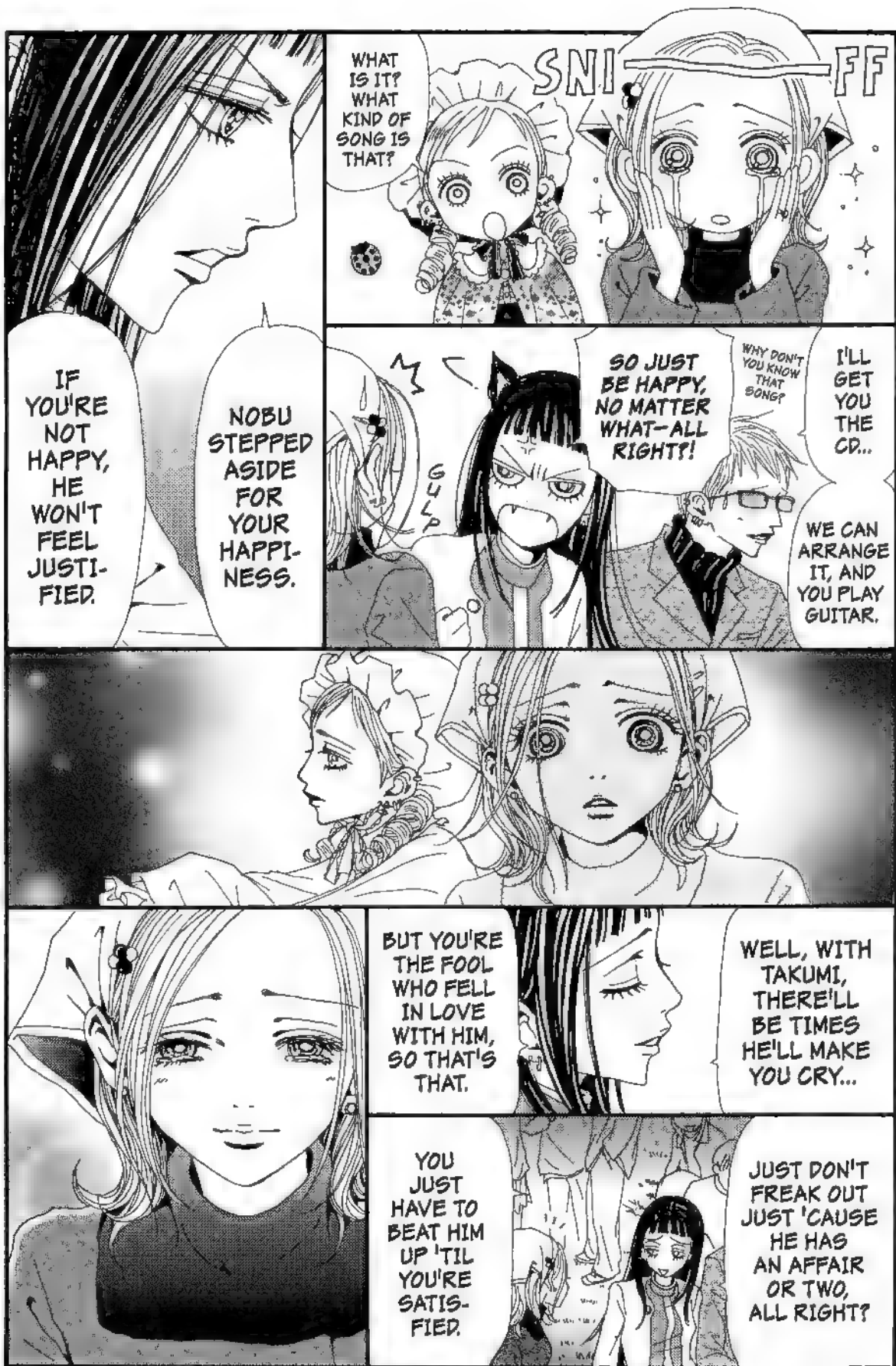
WELL, THAT'S
THE EASY WAY OUT.



THEY'RE
SO
BEAU-
TIFUL!



*This is a very popular song that's often sung at weddings.



AND I
DIDN'T
SEE
SHOJI
OR HIS
GIRL-
FRIEND.

THAT
NIGHT
THE
RIVER
BANK
WAS
CROWDED
WITH
PEOPLE
...

IT
SEEMED
LIKE THE
CURTAIN
HAD
FINALLY
FALLEN.



IF YOU DON'T FIGHT
FOR HIM, YOU LOSE!

FIGHT FOR HIM!

YEAH
...

YOU'RE
RIGHT.

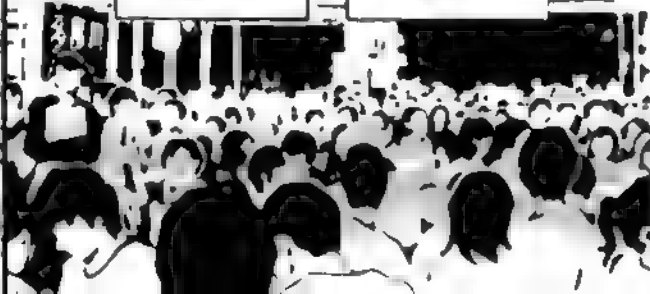
THANK
YOU,
NANA.

...IF I
INNOCENTLY
GRABBED
HER HAND,
WHICH
WAS AS
WARM AS
NOBU'S.

BUT I
WAS
WORRIED
SHE'D
BE
ANNOYED
...

...WHERE I
MIGHT GET
LOST AS
SOON AS
I LOOKED
AWAY...

I WANTED
TO HOLD
HANDS
WITH NANA
IN THE
CROWD...



IS
SUMMER
OVER
ALREADY?

THE
WIND
ON
MY
FINGER-
TIPS
IS
COLDER
THAN
I
EXPECTED.

BUZZ —



NOW
IT'S TIME
TO GET
BACK TO
WORK!

DID
YOU
HAVE
FUN
AT THE
FIRE-
WORKS?
♡



Vrrrooom

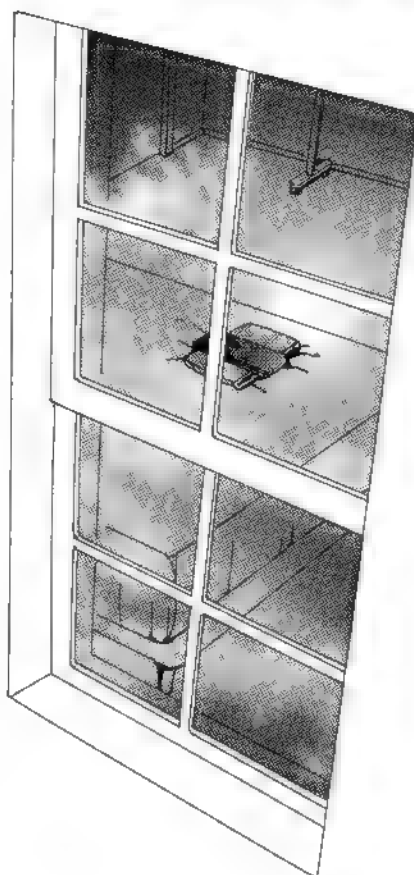


HEY, NANA...

THE SUMMER YOU COULDN'T GET BACK...



...IS HERE NOW.

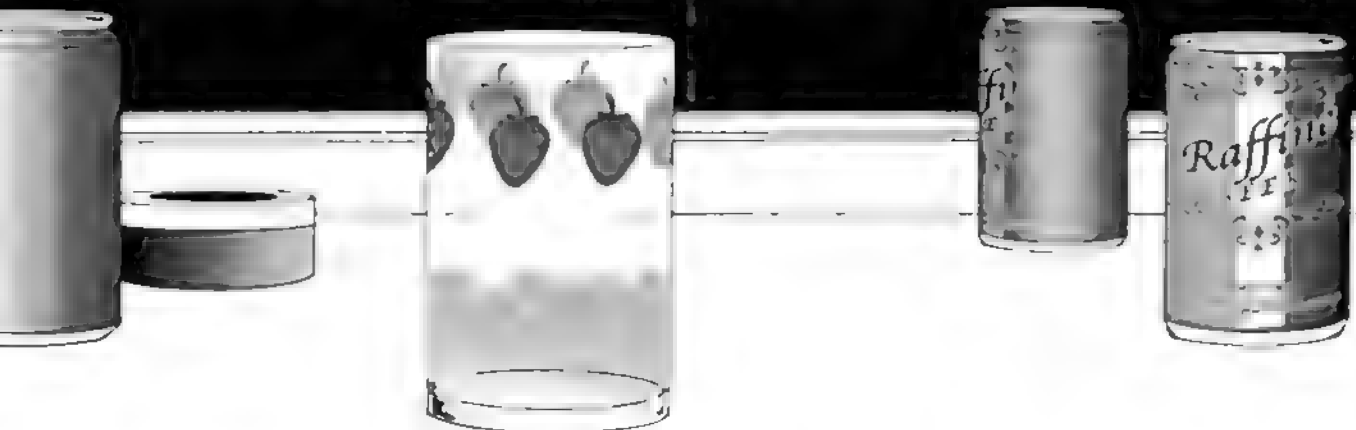


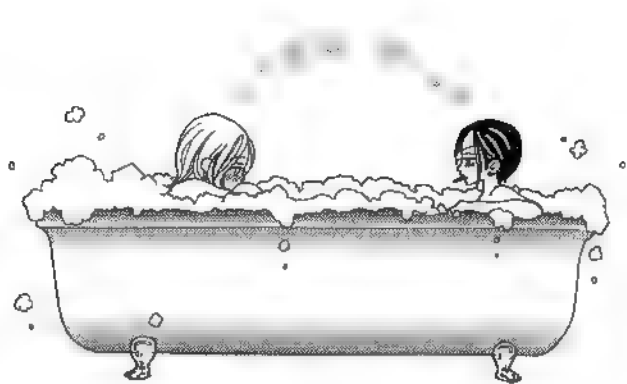
THE SUMMER YOU WANTED
MORE THAN ANYONE...



I'LL KEEP WAITING...

...TEN, TWENTY, FIFTY YEARS.





IT'S
NO
USE
PRE-
TENDING
NOW

IN
FRONT OF
EAGLE,
WHOSE
EYES
SEEM
TO SEE
THROUGH
EVERY-
THING
I'M STUCK
HANCED
ANYWAY...

...I
DECIDED
THAT
I'LL
FACE
ONE
PERSON
TO THE
END

IF
THAT
DIDN'T
WORK
OUT,
DO THIS
INSTEAD
OF
LOVE
LIKE
THAT

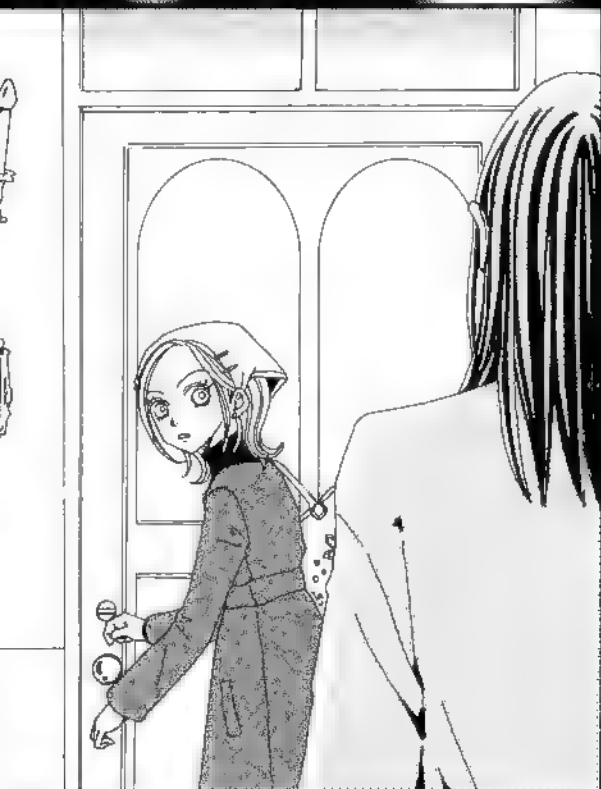
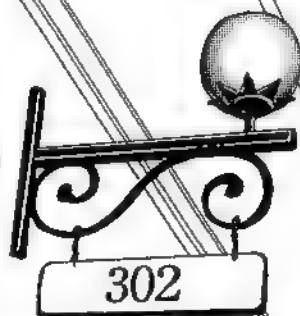


NANA

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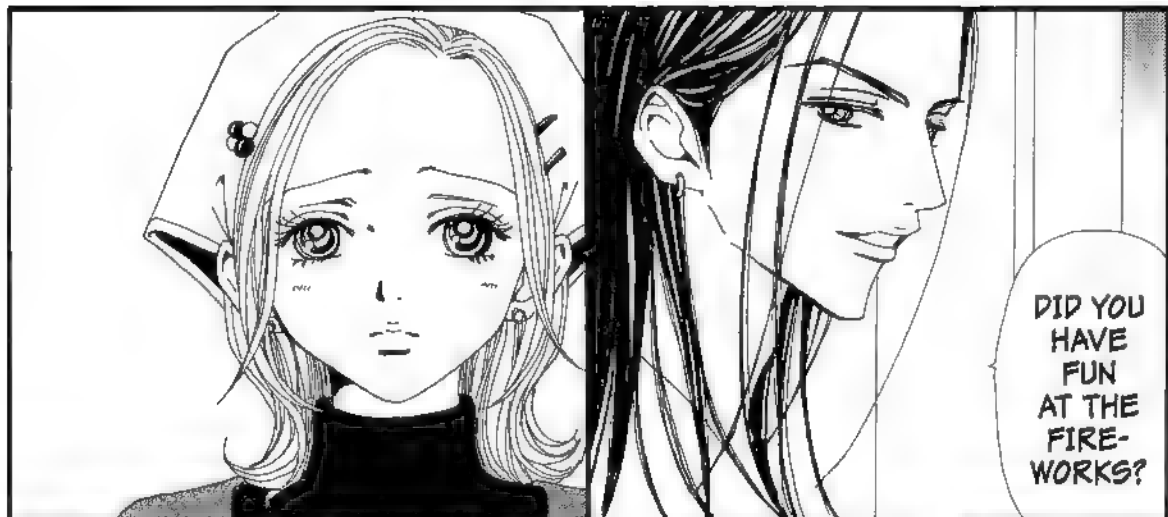
WEL-
COME
BACK.
♡

YOU
SAID YOU
WEREN'T
COMING
HOME 'TIL
MONDAY
NIGHT!

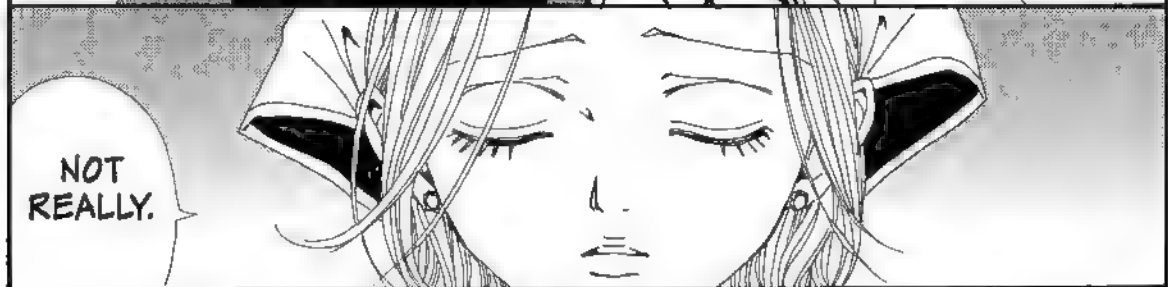
I
CAN'T
COME
HOME?

I CAN'T
BE IN
MY OWN
HOUSE?

WHAT
ARE
YOU
DOING
HERE?



DID YOU
HAVE
FUN
AT THE
FIRE-
WORKS?



NOT
REALLY.



MAYBE
IT WAS
UNREAL-
ISTIC
TO TRY
BEING
PART OF
THE GANG
LIKE
BEFORE.

I
FELT
DISTANCE
BETWEEN
ME
AND
NANA.

BUT
NOBU
DIDN'T
SHOW
UP...



WHEN
THINGS
SETTLE
DOWN,
THEY'LL BE
FRIENDS
WITH YOU
AGAIN.



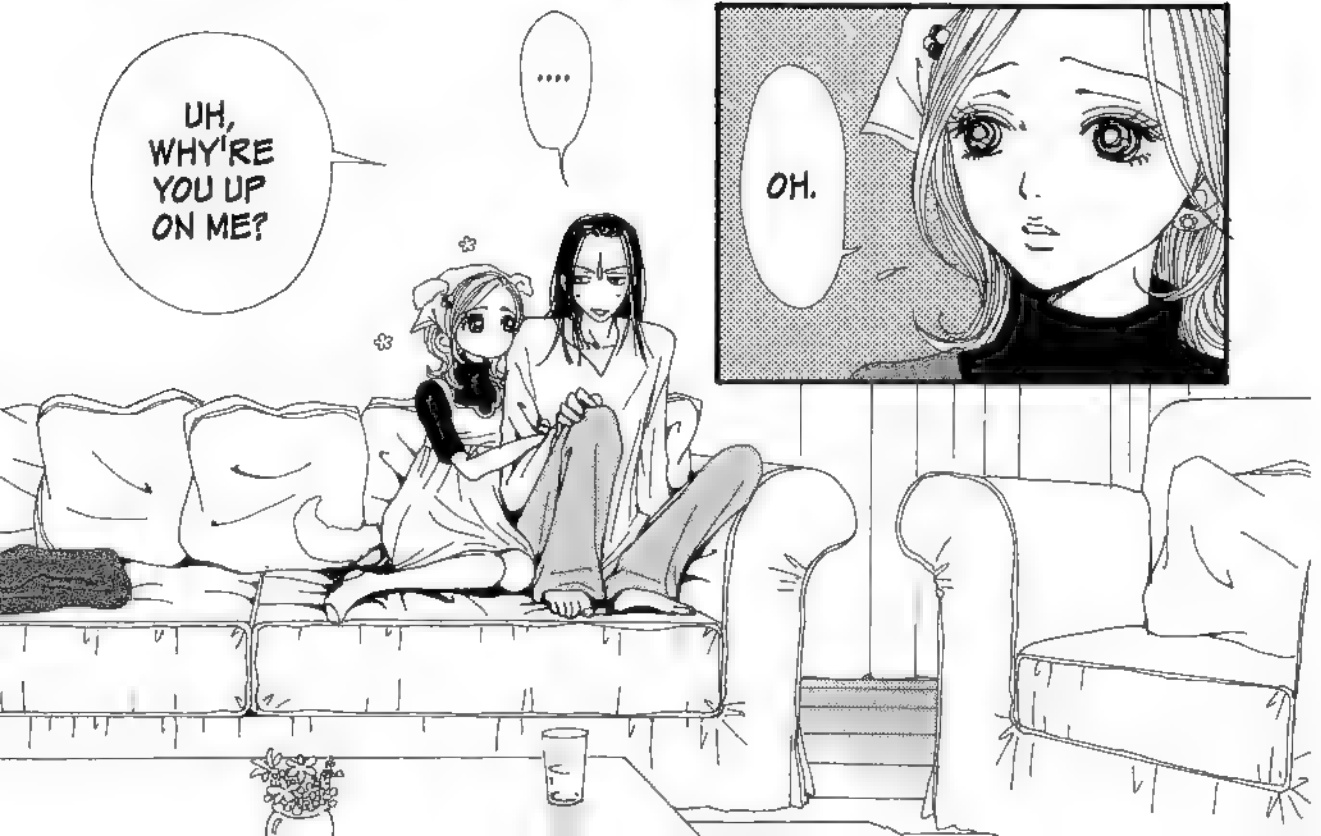
IF YOU'RE
GONNA
HAVE AN
AFFAIR,
DON'T TELL
ME ABOUT
IT!

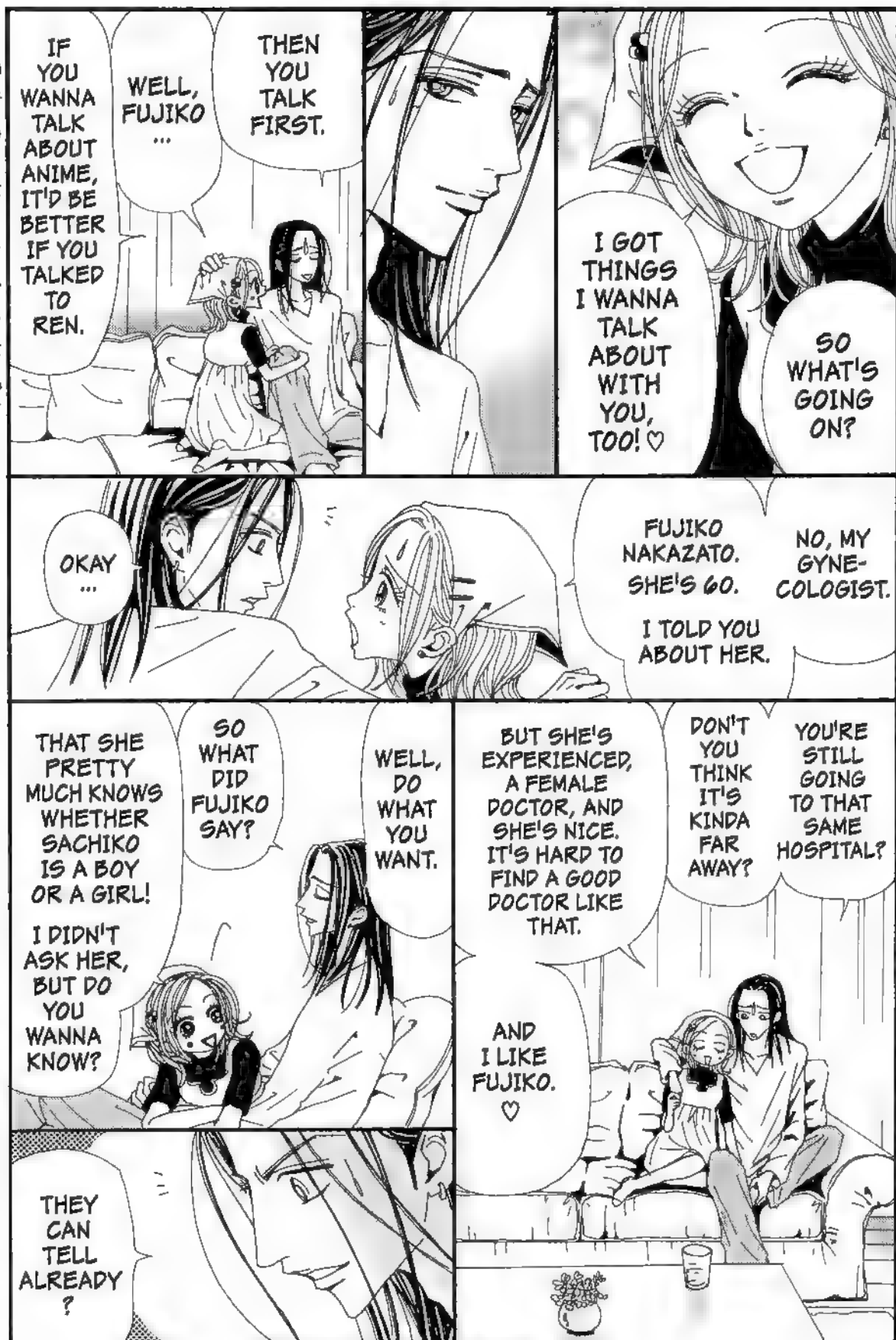
WHY DID
YOU BOTHER
EMAILING
ME ABOUT
SEEING
NOBU?

WHAT
DO YOU
MEAN?

I DIDN'T
HAVE AN
AFFAIR!
EVERYONE
WAS
THERE!

I DIDN'T
WANT YOU
TO WONDER,
THAT'S WHY
I TOLD YOU
ABOUT IT!







FUJIKO WAS PROBABLY WORRIED ABOUT YOUR ONE-SIDED ASSUMPTION AND WAS WARNING YOU IN A ROUNDABOUT WAY...

NO WAY!

...THAT IT'S NOT A GIRL, SO DON'T BE DISAPPOINTED.



WHAT ABOUT THE BABY ROOM? MAYBE I SHOULD ASK.

THAT THE BABY HAS A THINGY ATTACHED TO IT...

I'M NOT DISAPPOINTED, BUT I'M SURPRISED.



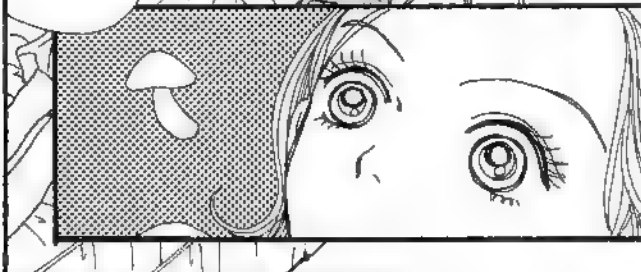
NO, SHE COULD TELL SO QUICKLY 'CAUSE IT'S A BOY.

SACHI-KO'S A GIRL FOR SURE.

BUT EVEN IF WE DON'T HAVE HER TELL US, I CAN TELL.

SHE'S AN EXP-
PERT.

SHE SAW ITS
beep
!



.....

SO WHAT ELSE?

CHANGE THE WALL-PAPER.

SACHI-KO'S A BOY.

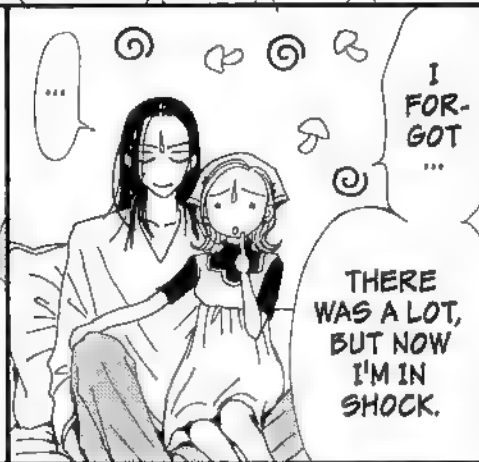
WELL, EVEN IF YOU DON'T ASK, I CAN TELL.



CAN I INVITE HER?

OH YEAH-NANA!

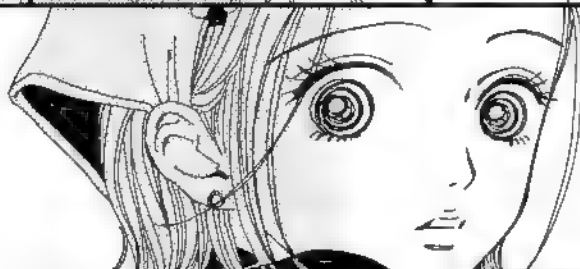
SHE WANTS TO COME TO OUR WEDDING!

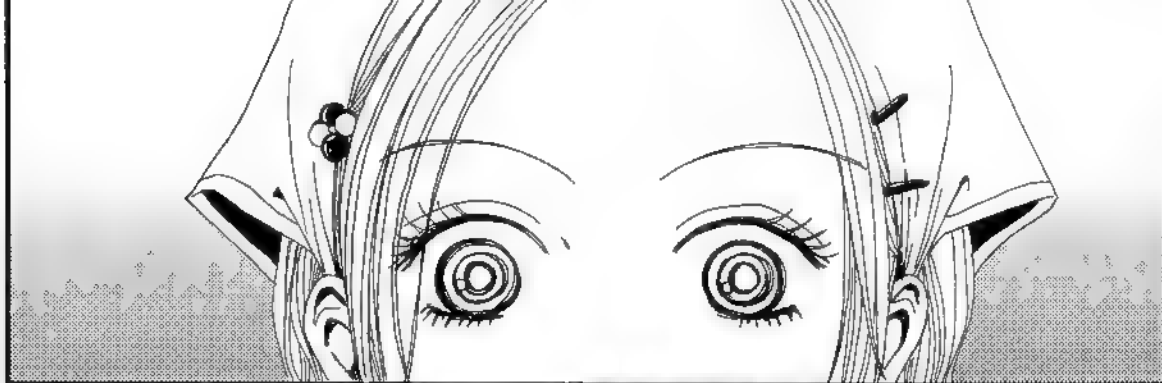


...

I FOR-GOT ...

THERE WAS A LOT, BUT NOW I'M IN SHOCK.





IT'S NOT YET OFFICIAL.

WELL ...

BUT NANA DIDN'T SAY A WORD ABOUT IT...

WHY DOES EVERYONE FREAK OUT OVER THE WORD "MARRIAGE" ?

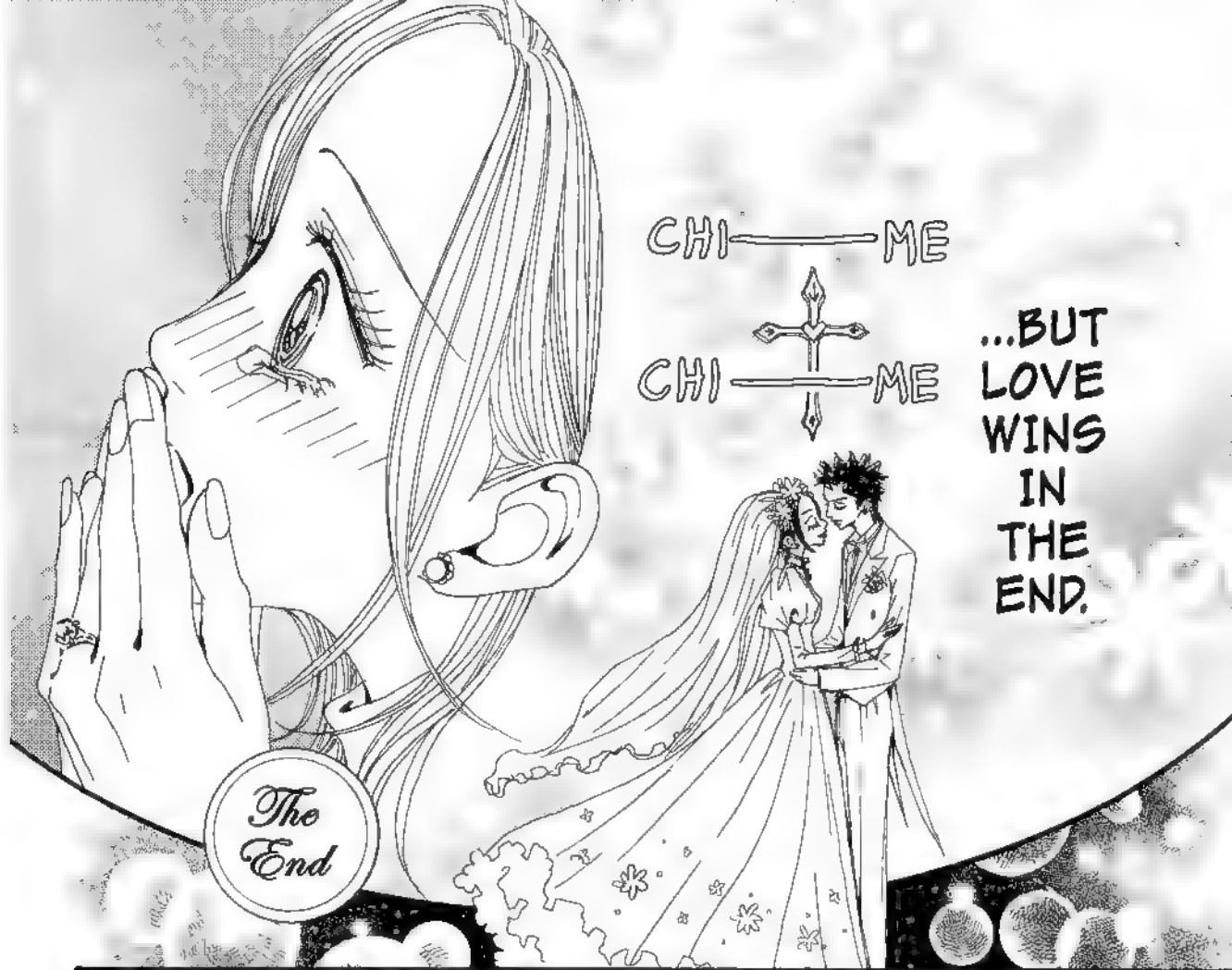
Getting married ?!

BUT IT'S HOT GOSSIP FOR THE MEDIA, SO GAIA WILL PROBABLY AGREE TO IT.

I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT I'D DO IF THE DEMON LORD BROKE THEM UP...

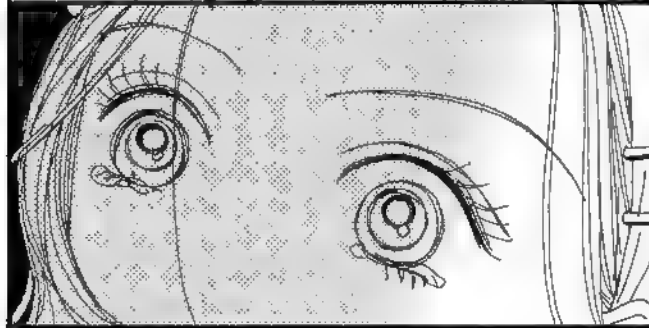
NANA AND REN GETTING MARRIED...





...IS
PUT ON
HOLD
FOR
THEIR
WED-
DING?

THEN
IT'S ALL
RIGHT
WITH YOU
IF OUR
WEDDING...



YOU
SEEM
MORE
PSYCHED
ABOUT
THEM
THAN
YOU ARE
ABOUT
US.

GOOD! ♥

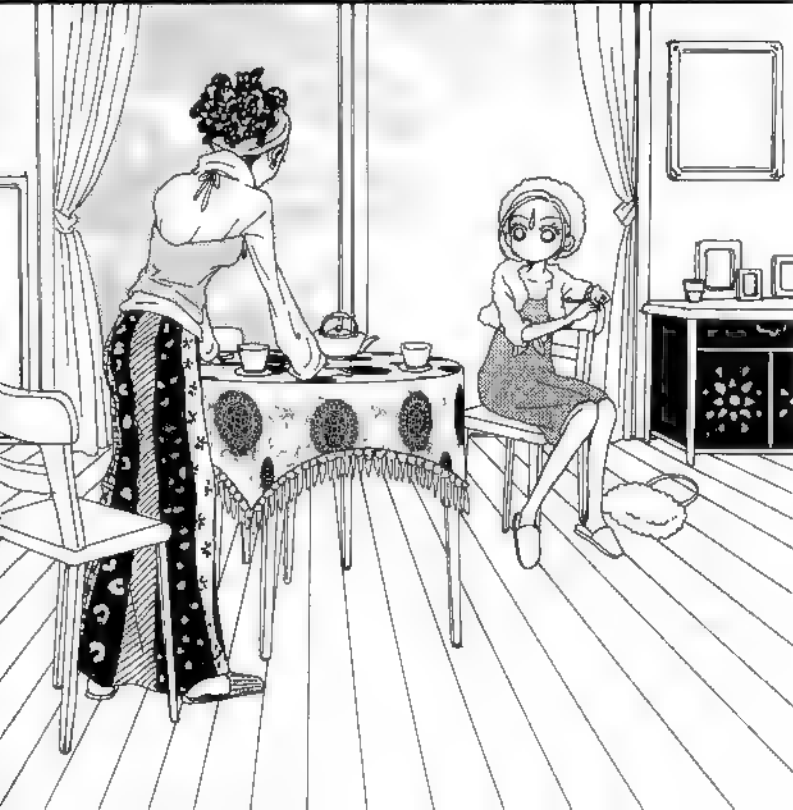
TAKE
THAT,
DEMON
LORD!

I'M
SO
EXCIT-
ED!

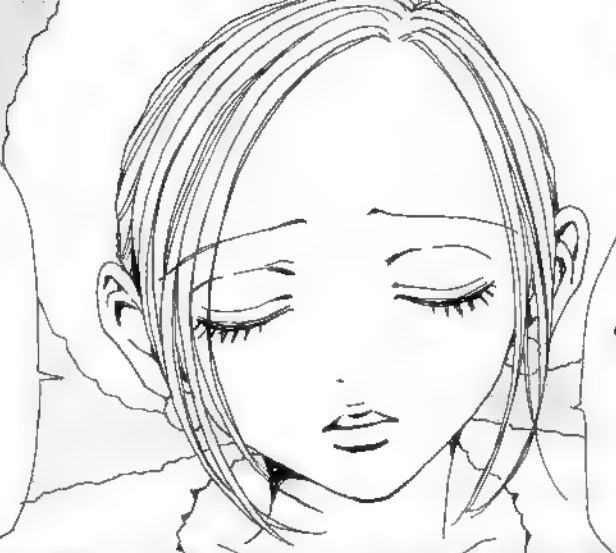
It's a
SUPER
HAPPY
ENDING!

I'm
OVER-
whelmed
!

YEAH
!







IT'S
REALLY
HARD
BEING
A
CELEB-
RITY.

HE
HAS TO
SACRIFICE
HIS
PRIVATE
LIFE
FOR HIS
WORK.

I'M
SURE
IT'S
HARD
FOR
TAKUMI,
TOO.



I
THOUGHT
YOU CAME
HERE TO
BITCH
ABOUT HIM.

WHY'RE
YOU
MAKING
EXCUSES
FOR
HIM?

SO
THAT'S
THAT.

WELL,
I GUESS
THIS TIME
THERE'S NOT
MUCH YOU
CAN DO...

I MADE UP
MY MIND THAT
NO MATTER
WHAT HAPPENS,
I'M STICKING
WITH TAKUMI.

NO!

I'M ASKING
YOU ONE
MORE TIME,
ARE YOU SURE
YOU DON'T
WANT TO GO
BACK TO YOUR
PARENTS' HOUSE?

IT'S NOT
ENOUGH
THAT HE
GIVES YOU
MONEY?

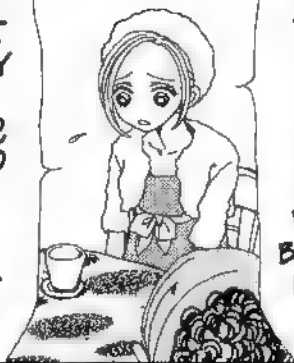
GREEDY
?!

SO NOW
YOU'RE
BEING
GREEDY.

BUT AT
FIRST YOU
SAID IT WAS
ENOUGH FOR
HIM TO
JUST PAY
CHILD
SUPPORT.



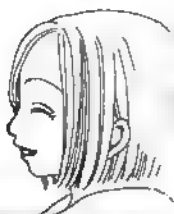
EVEN IF
WE CAN'T
FORMALLY
GET
MARRIED,
I WANT TO
BE WITH
TAKUMI
AND
SUPPORT
HIM.



I'M TRULY
THANKFUL
THAT HE
TOOK
RESPON-
SIBILITY
WITH ME,
WHEN THE
BABY MIGHT
NOT EVEN
BE HIS.

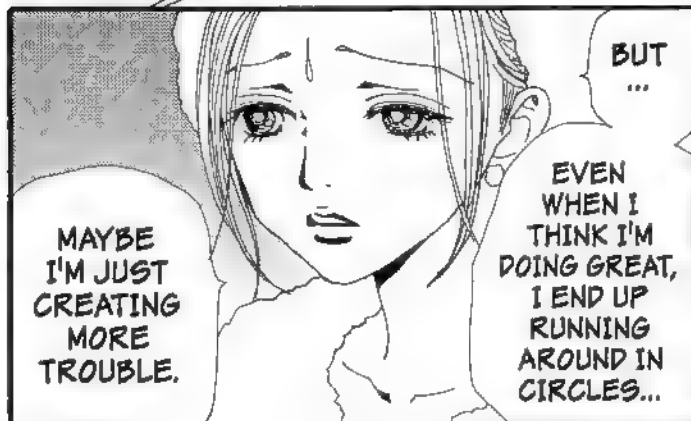
I
DON'T
JUST
WANT HIS
MONEY...

NO!



I'M SURE HE NEEDS YOU-A FAMILY-AS A REFUGE.

SO THAT'S AN IMPORTANT ROLE FOR YOU. GOOD LUCK.



MAYBE
I'M JUST
CREATING
MORE
TROUBLE.

BUT
...

EVEN
WHEN I
THINK I'M
DOING GREAT,
I END UP
RUNNING
AROUND IN
CIRCLES...

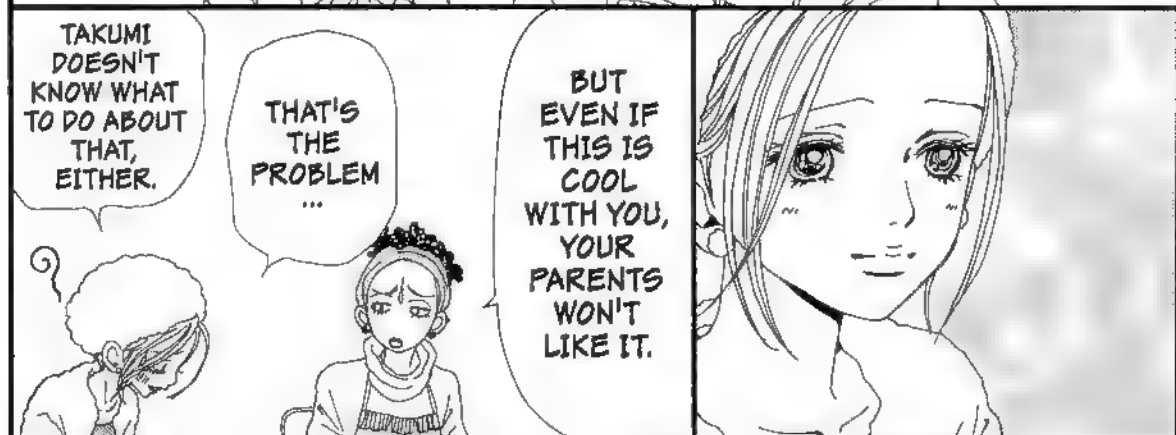


.....



YEAH.





ring

WHAT
ELSE
?!

HELLO
?

beep

oricon

IT'S
ABOUT
OUR TALK
YESTER-
DAY...

Dear Junko,
Will you do
our album art
some day? ♡
NANA

AST!

WHAT'S
GOING
ON?

CAN I
TALK
TO YOU
FOR A
SEC?

HELLO?

OH!



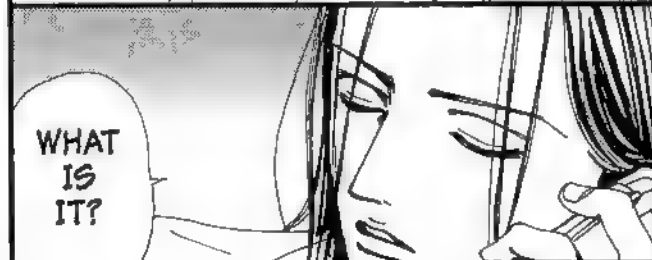
WILL YOU AT LEAST LISTEN TO ME?

BUT I NEED TO TALK TO YOU NOW.



CAN WE TALK ABOUT THAT LATER?

I'M SORRY ...
OH ...



WHAT IS IT?



IS THERE A WAY TO HAVE THEM NOT FIND OUT?

RIGHT.

NANA AND REN DON'T KNOW THAT WE'RE POSTPONING OUR WEDDING, RIGHT?



SO JUST BE HAPPY, NO MATTER WHAT— ALL RIGHT?!



I SEE WHAT YOU'RE SAYING. DON'T WORRY.

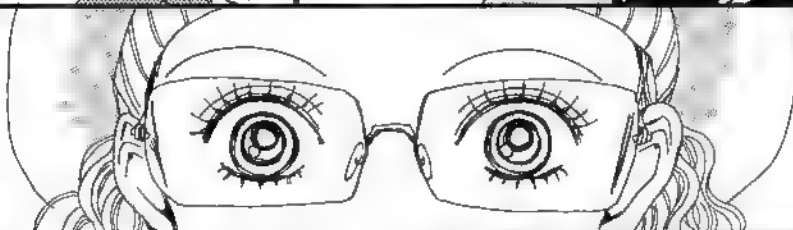
KNOWING NANA, SHE MIGHT CHANGE HER MIND AND NOT GET MARRIED ...

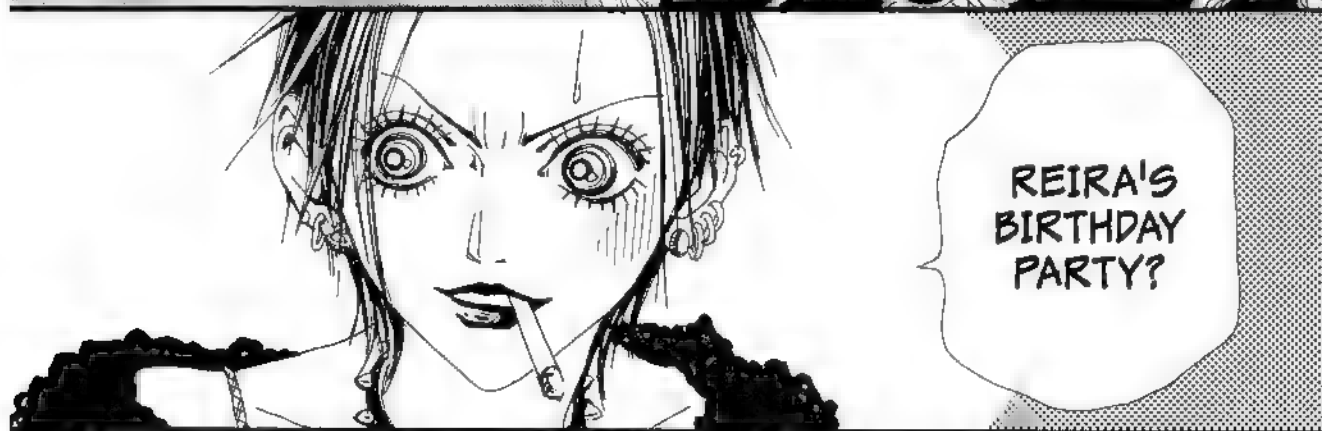


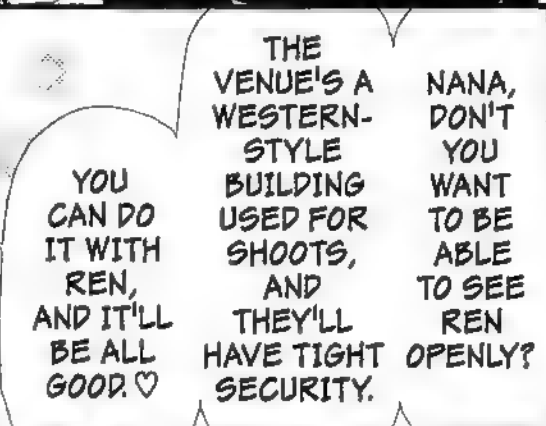
I DON'T WANT THEM TO THINK IT'S THEIR FAULT.

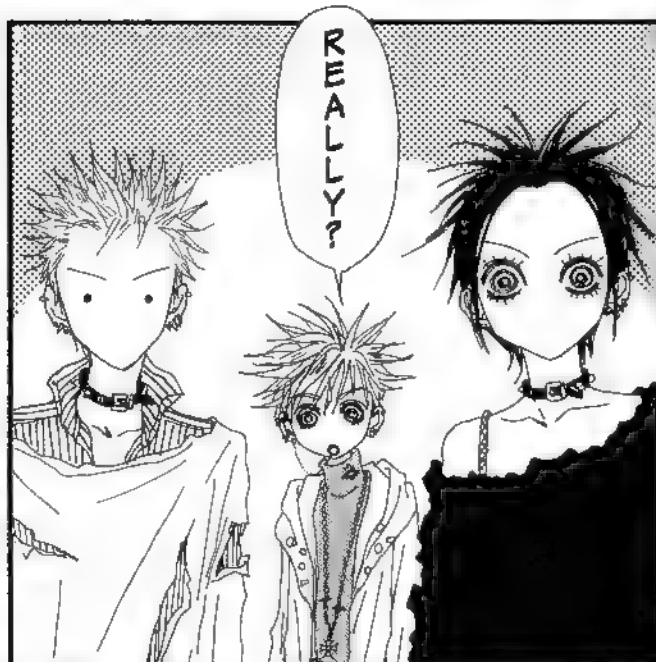
I'M AFRAID IF THEY FIND OUT, THEY'LL FEEL BAD OR GUILTY.



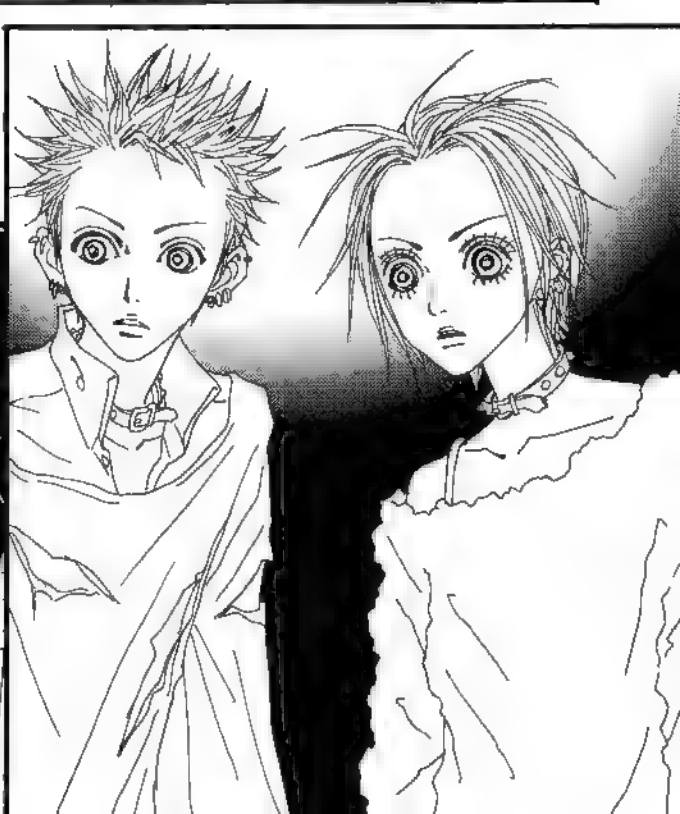
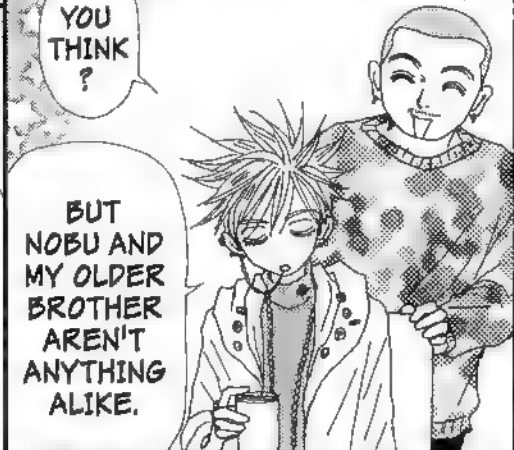
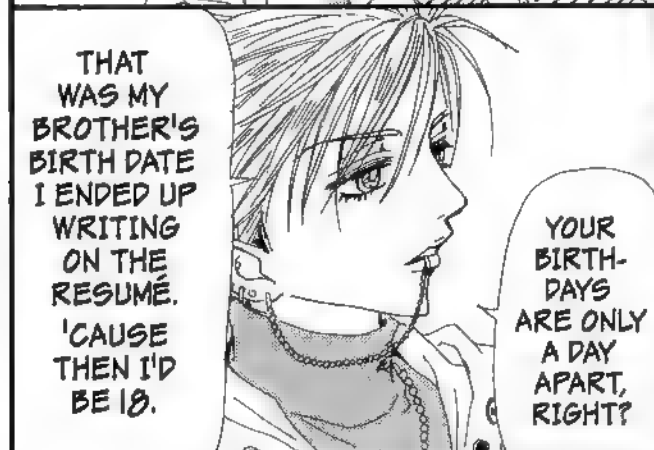
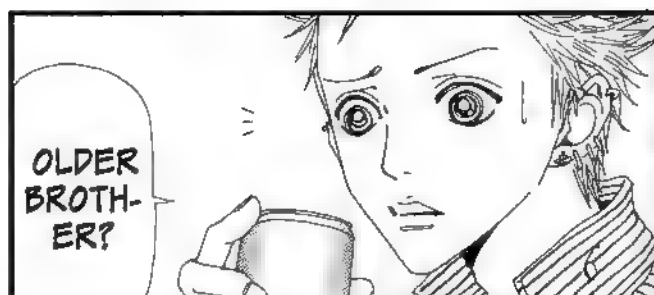
















...16
YEARS
AGO.

WE'RE
GOING TO
CELEBRATE
THE FACT
THAT SHIN
WAS BORN
INTO THIS
WORLD...

THAT
DOESN'T
MATTER.



SURE.

YOU'RE
GOING
TOO,
RIGHT?!



IT'S
'CAUSE
WE'RE
NOT
GOOD AT
HIDING
THINGS.

EVEN
IF SHIN
IS SHARP
ABOUT
THINGS.

GOD-
DAMN
BALDY.

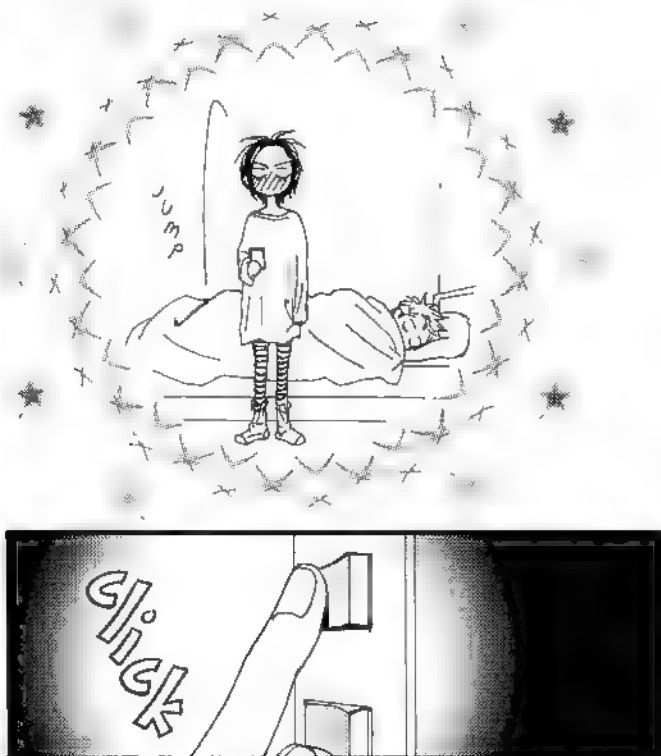
THEY
DIDN'T
HAVE TO
KEEP IT
SECRET
FROM
US...

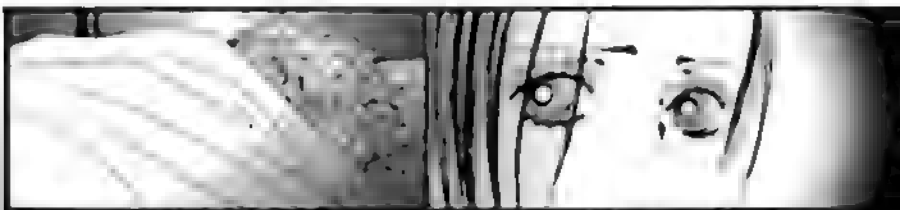
BUT
NOW WE
HAVE NO
TIME
TO GET
BIRTHDAY
PRES-
ENTS.



I'M NOT
FATALLY
HONEST
LIKE YOU
ARE!

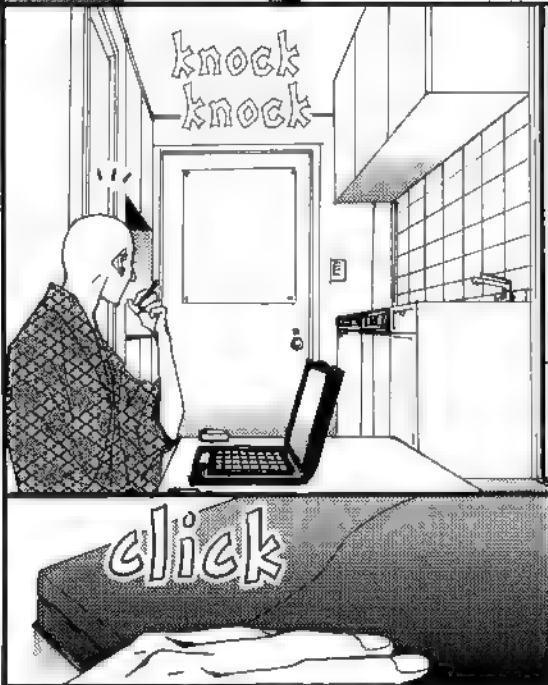
I'M
NOT
THE
SAME
AS
YOU!





Re: What about Nana?

Nana understands, so it's all right.
How're things on your end?
I'm counting on you, Student Body President.

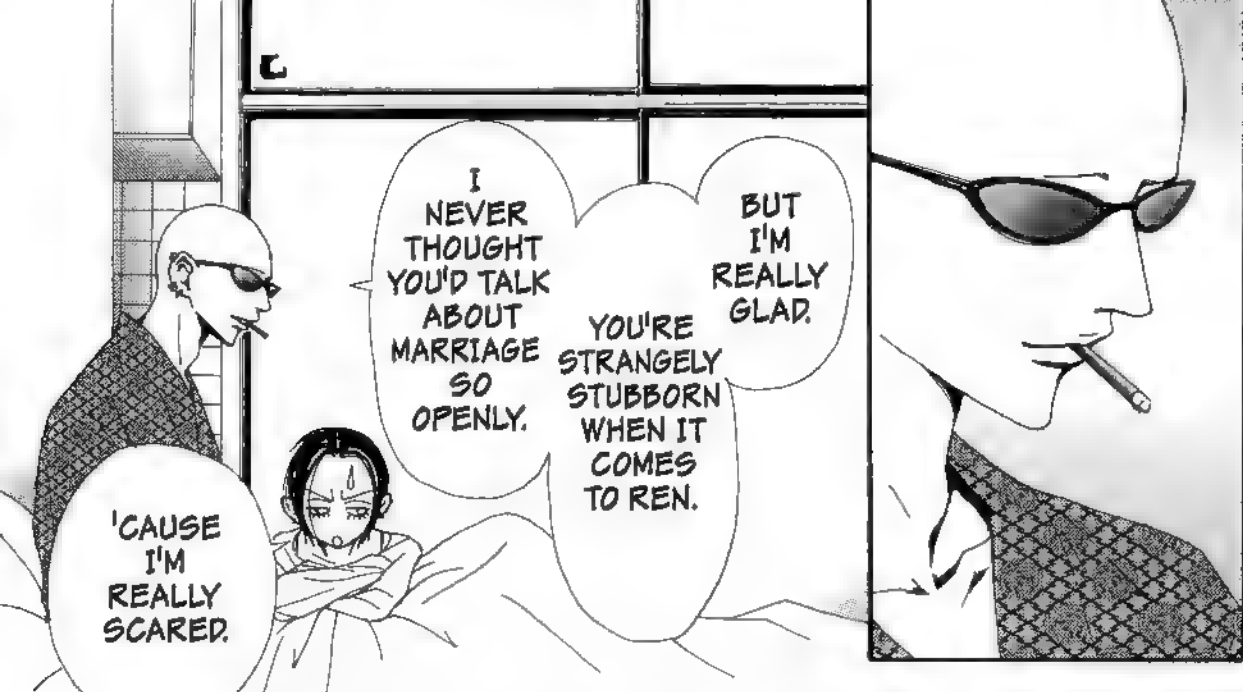


I'M
THINKING
ABOUT
MARRYING
REN.
IS THAT
OKAY?

HEY,
YASU...







'CAUSE
I'M
REALLY
SCARED.

I
NEVER
THOUGHT
YOU'D TALK
ABOUT
MARRIAGE
SO
OPENLY.

YOU'RE
STRANGELY
STUBBORN
WHEN IT
COMES
TO REN.

BUT
I'M
REALLY
GLAD.



...MAYBE
I'LL GET
MORE
EMOTION-
ALLY
STABLE.

IF
I'M NOT
STUBBORN
AND LIVE
WITH REN
LIKE
BEFORE...

OF
WHAT
?

I COULD
BECOME
NORMAL
FRIENDS
WITH
HACHI
AGAIN.

MY-
SELF.

AND
I WON'T
HAVE
THOSE
PAINFUL
ATTACKS
ANYMORE,
RIGHT?



I DON'T WANT
TO BE A BURDEN
ON YOU AND NOBU
ANYMORE.



YEAH.

YOU'LL
BE ALL
RIGHT.



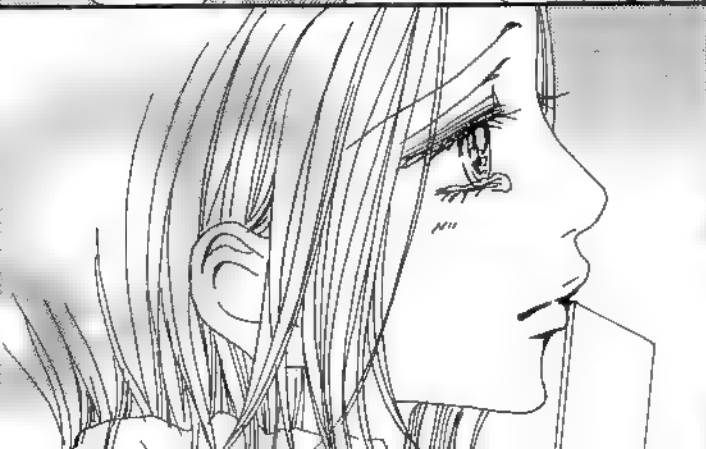
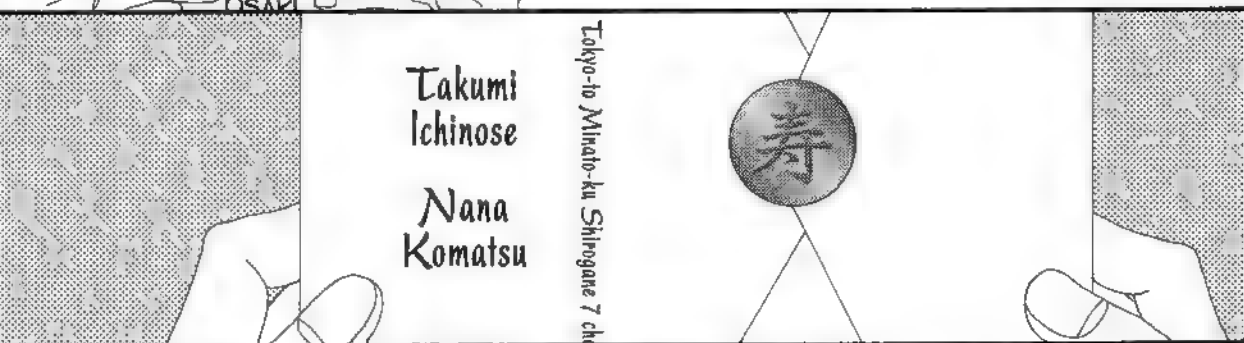
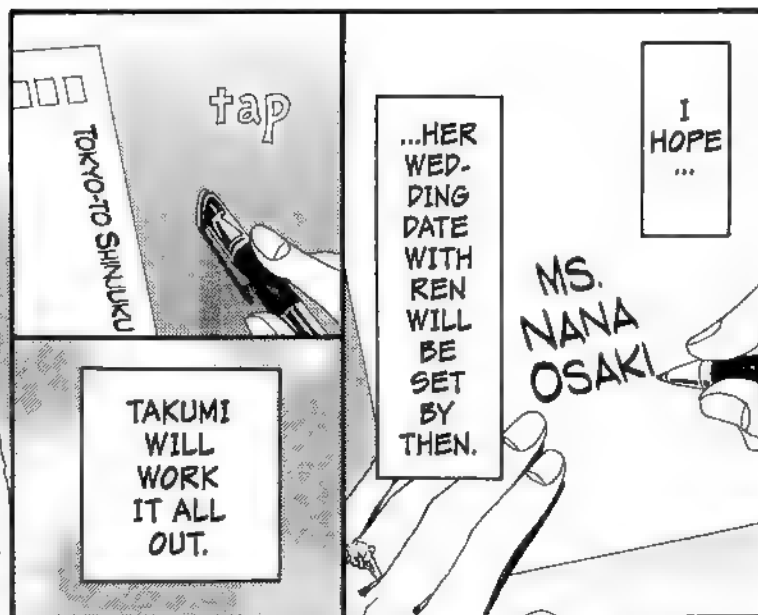
I
JUST
HAVE
TO TELL
HER
RIGHT
BEFORE
THAT
IT GOT
CAN-
CELLED.

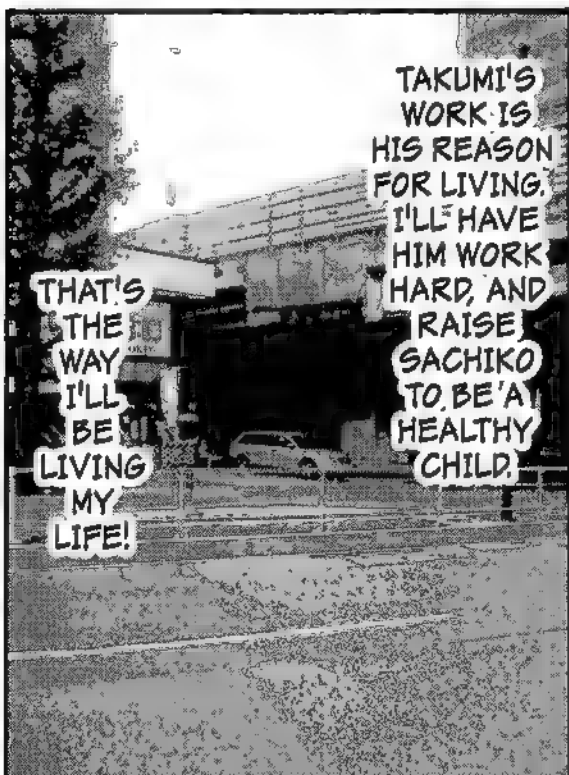
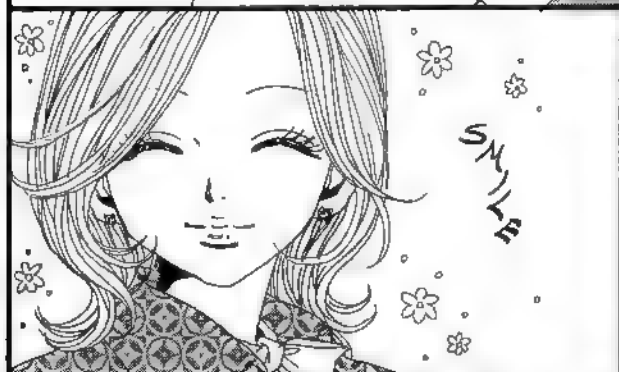
OTHER-
WISE,
SHE'LL
WONDER
WHAT'S
GOING
ON.



I'LL
SEND
THE
WEDDING
INVI-
TATION
TO NANA
ANYWAY.

IT'S
NOT
LIKE
THAT...
DON'T
SAY
THAT.





THAT'S THE WAY I'LL BE LIVING MY LIFE!

TAKUMI'S WORK IS HIS REASON FOR LIVING. I'LL HAVE HIM WORK HARD, AND RAISE SACHIKO TO BE A HEALTHY CHILD.

IT MIGHT BE A BOY, BUT...

SACHIKO THEN?

I HAVE SACHIKO (OR WHATEVER THE NAME WILL BE)!

I WON'T GIVE UP!



...AS
IF IT
WAS
FINED
TO BE
THAT
NAME

IT'S
A
GOOD
NAME
THAT
GOES
WITH
NANA

NANA
HOWLS





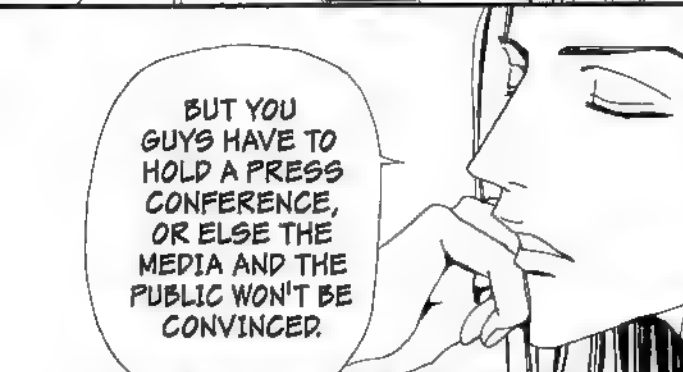
THEN
YOU
DO
IT,
TOO!

'CAUSE
YOU'RE
A
CELEB-
RITY?

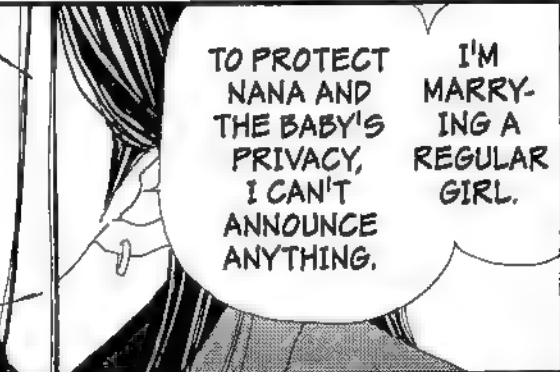
WHY DO I
HAVE TO DO
SOMETHING
THAT
EMBAR-
RASSING?!



A PRESS
CONFERENCE
TO
ANNOUNCE
OUR
ENGAGE-
MENT?!



BUT YOU
GUYS HAVE TO
HOLD A PRESS
CONFERENCE,
OR ELSE THE
MEDIA AND THE
PUBLIC WON'T BE
CONVINCED.



TO PROTECT
NANA AND
THE BABY'S
PRIVACY,
I CAN'T
ANNOUNCE
ANYTHING.

I'M
MARRY-
ING A
REGULAR
GIRL.



COULD
YOU
BE
MORE
SELF-
CENTERED
?!

THE STAFF
IS RUNNING
AROUND,
GETTING
THINGS READY
FOR YOUR
WEDDING!

HEY,
I'M
THE ONE
WHO'S
PULLING
MY
HAIR
OUT!



I WISH
YOU
WELL.

IT WAS
LAME.

CONGRAT-
ULATIONS,
REN.

I'M SORRY I
TALKED SMACK
ABOUT NANA.

.....

THIS
IS
SUCH
A
PAIN.

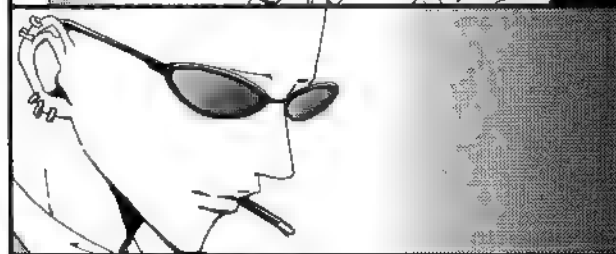




I'M
REALLY
SORRY.

BUT
THERE'S
NOTHING
I CAN
DO.

THAT'S
PROBABLY
WHAT YOU
DIDN'T
WANT...



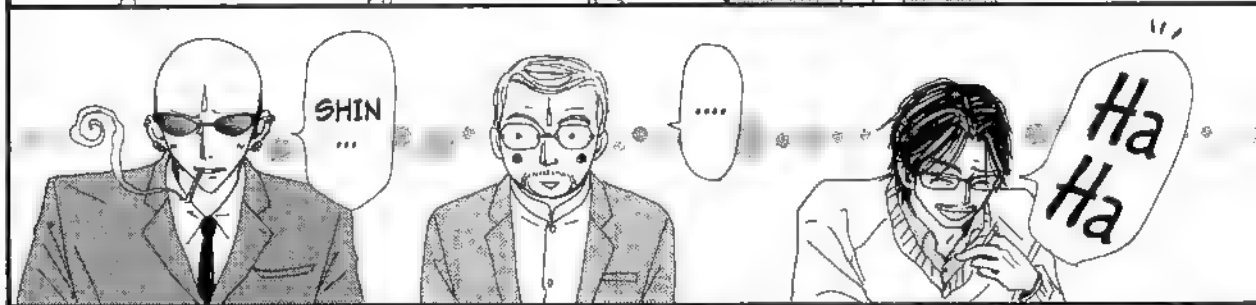
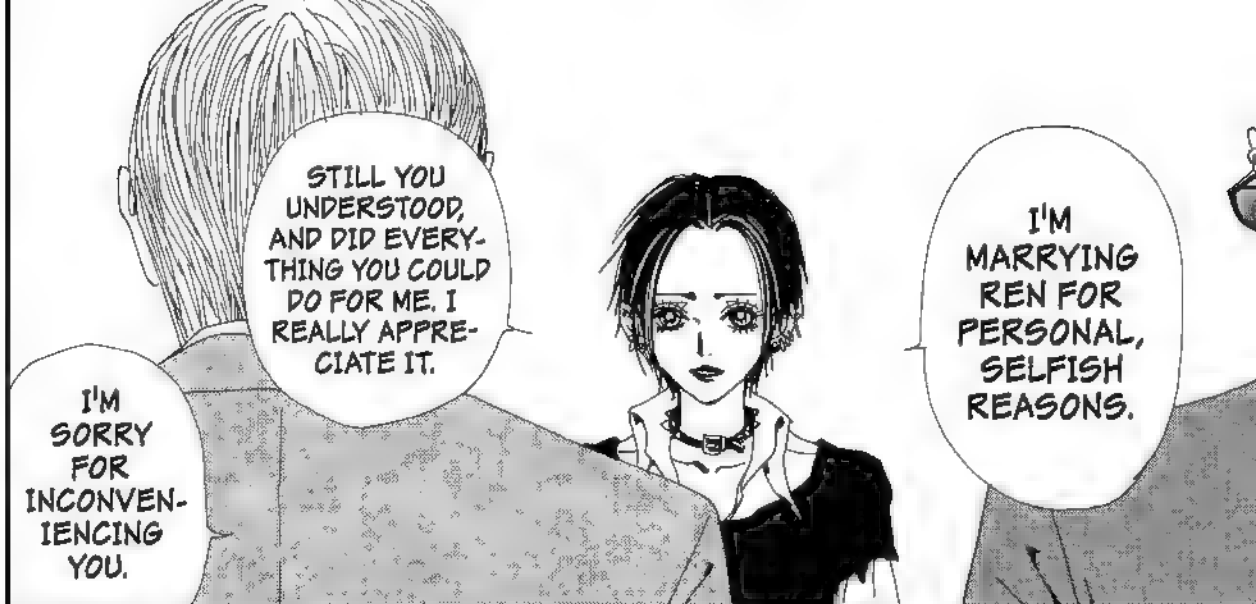
IT'S
ALL
RIGHT,
NANA.



I'LL DO
WHAT GAIA
SAYS
REGARDING
THE
ARRANGE-
MENTS
FOR OUR
WEDDING.

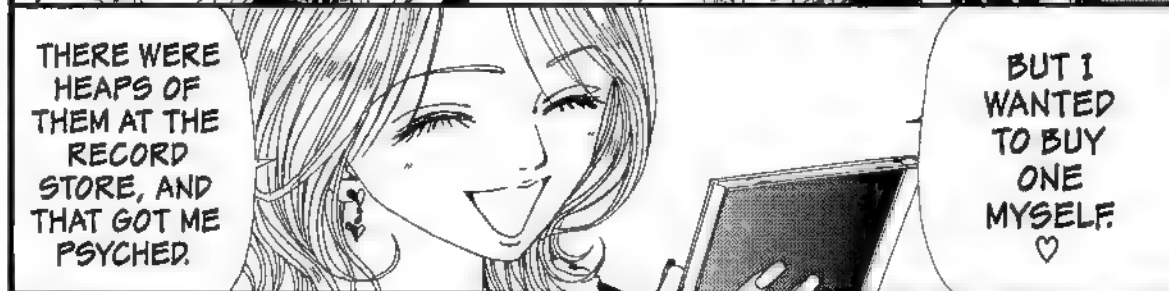
WE HAVE TO DRAW
PEOPLE IN SOME-
HOW TO GET THEM
TO LISTEN TO OUR
MUSIC. OTHERWISE
THEY'D NEVER
KNOW ABOUT US.

EVEN
THOUGH THAT'S
NOT HOW YOU
WANTED IT TO
HAPPEN, TAKE
ADVANTAGE
OF IT.











HEY, NANA...



EVEN NOW, GIRLS IN LOVE...

...LISTEN TO YOUR SONG...

...AND PASS ON THE
STORY OF NANA AND REN.

BUT SUCH A SAD ENDING...

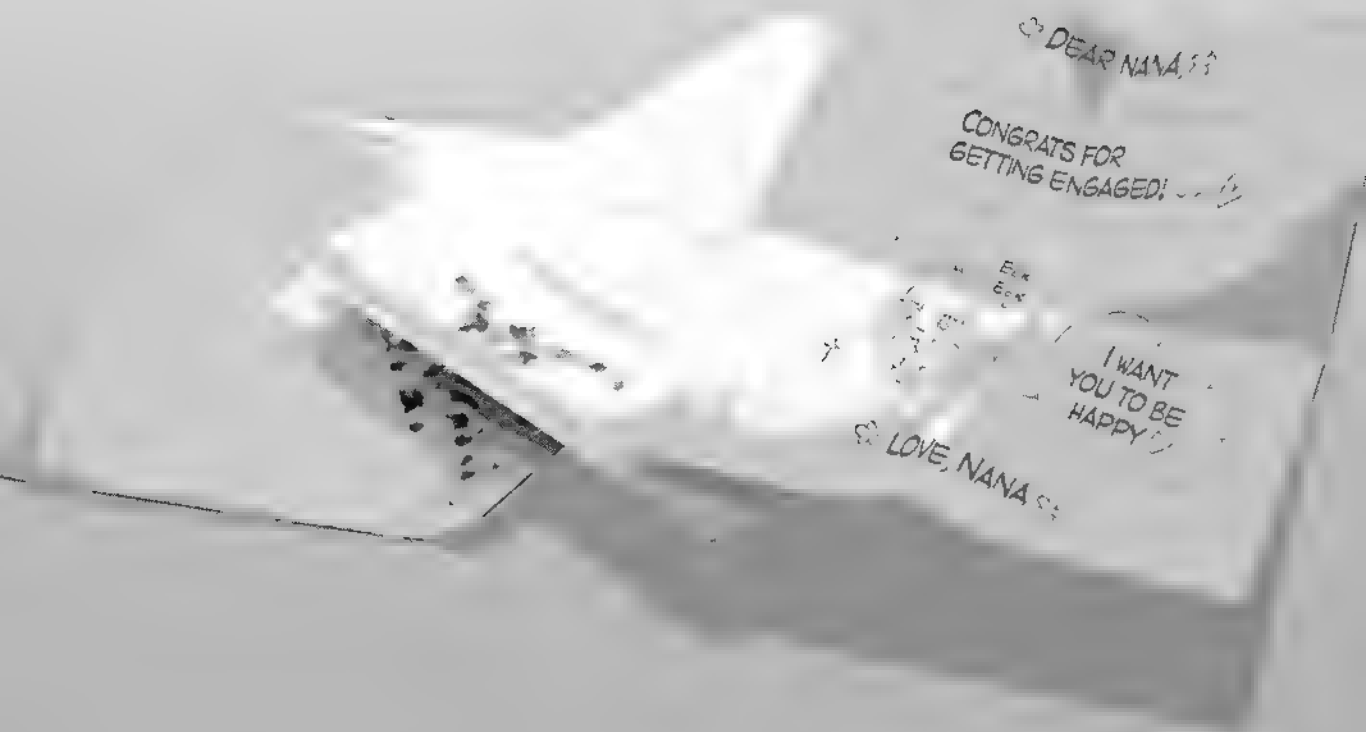
...WASN'T WHAT I WANTED TO HEAR.



...WAS
SPENDING
HER
DAYS
IN
TOTAL
BLISS.

...I
THOUGHT
NANA,
WHO HAD
EVERY-
THING
A GIRL
COULD
WANT...

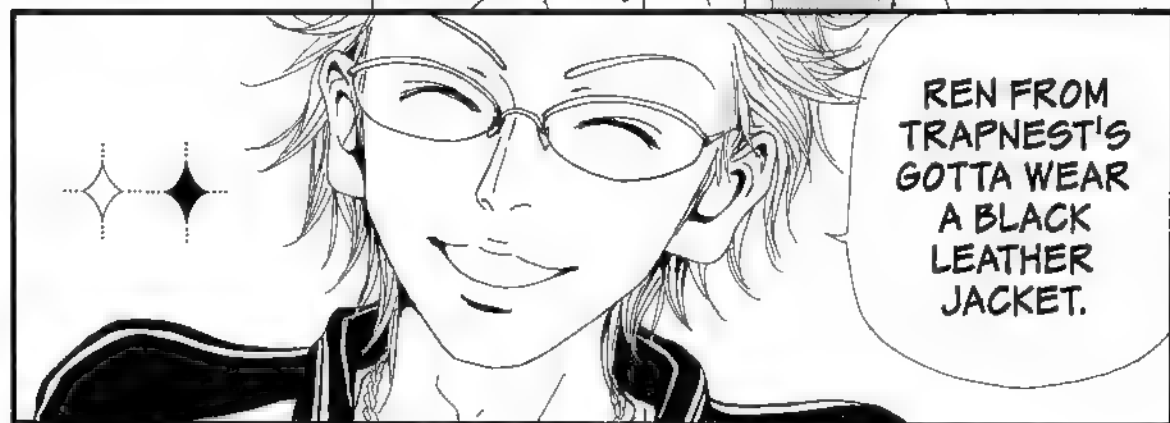
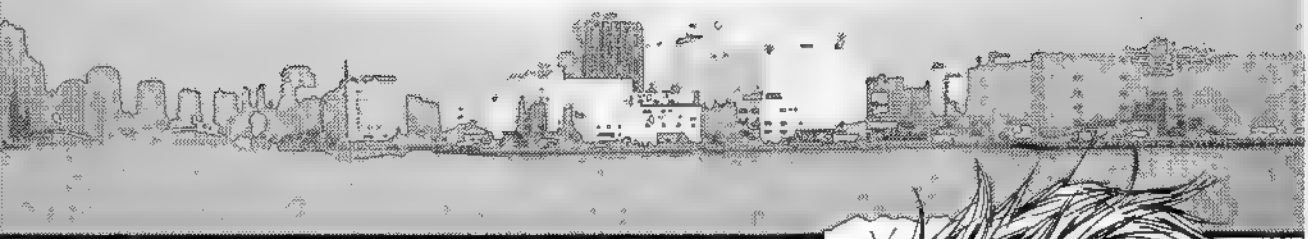
WITH
GOOD LOOKS,
INCREDIBLE
TALENT,
CLOSE
FRIENDS
BY
HER SIDE,
AND A
STRONG
BELIEF IN
FATE...





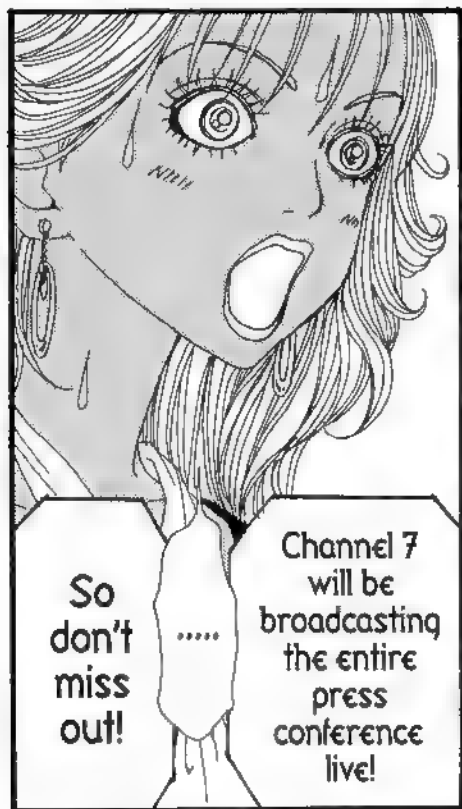
NANA

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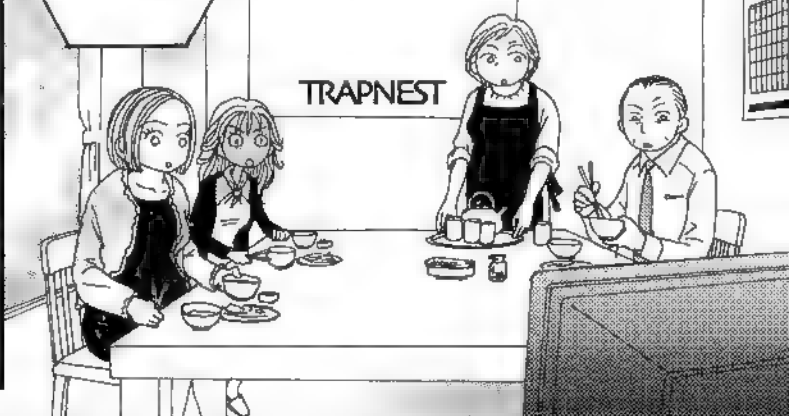
So
don't
miss
out!

.....
Channel 7
will be
broadcasting
the entire
press
conference
live!

...so all
of Japan
will be
tuning in
to Nana
and
Ren!

Both
bands
release
their new
singles
today...

They'll
be holding
a press
conference
at 2 PM
today!



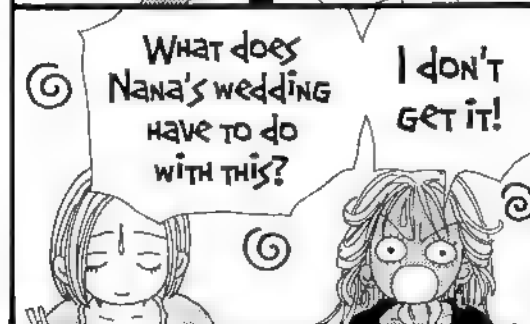
**WHY
WHAT?**

**SO
THAT'S
WHY!**



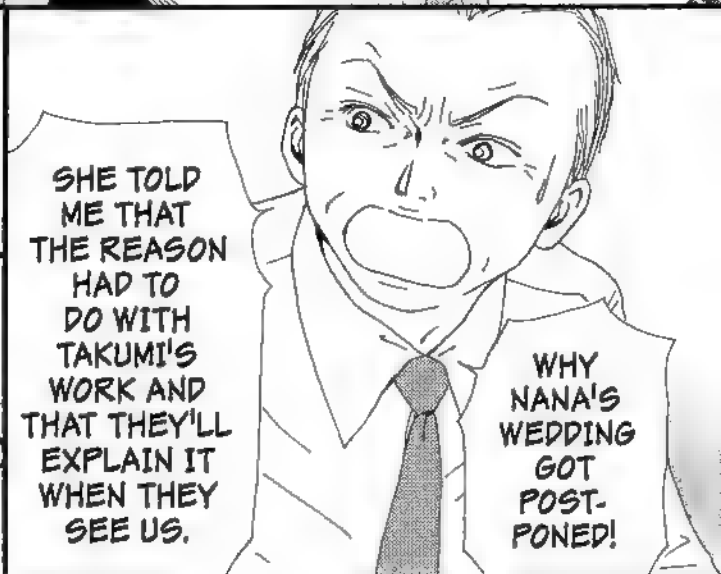
THIS
ISN'T
GOOD.

OH
NO
...



What does
Nana's wedding
have to do
with this?

I don't
get it!



SHE TOLD
ME THAT
THE REASON
HAD TO
DO WITH
TAKUMI'S
WORK AND
THAT THEY'LL
EXPLAIN IT
WHEN THEY
SEE US.

WHY
NANA'S
WEDDING
GOT
POST-
PONED!

IF
YOU'RE NOT
LEARNING
ANYTHING
IN COLLEGE,
GO OUT AND
GET A JOB!

YOU DON'T
UNDERSTAND
HOW
PEOPLE DO
BUSINESS.



OMIGOD
OMIGOD
OMIGOD!

WHAT'S
GOING
ON?
WOW!





I HAVE CLASS THEN!

At 2?!

THEY'RE HOLDING A PRESS CONFERENCE AT 2.

WHAT SHOULD I DO?
I WANNA WATCH IT!



NO WAY!

REN AND NANA ARE GETTING MARRIED?!

WHAT?!



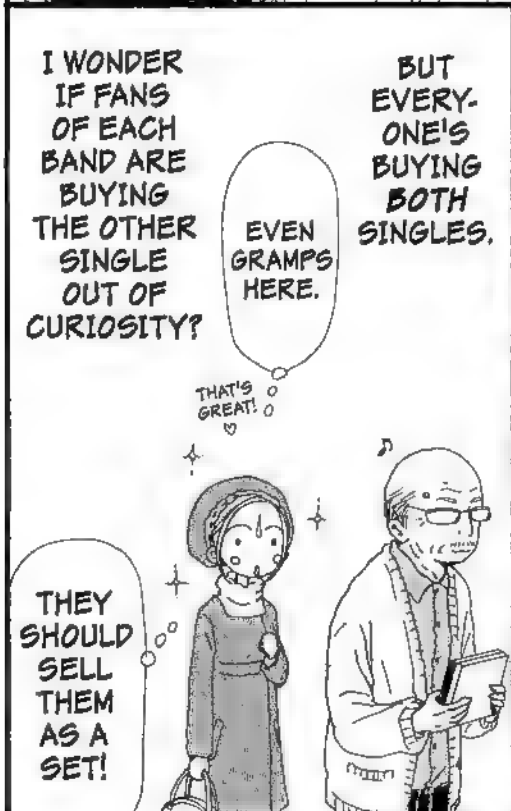
FINALLY PEOPLE WILL KNOW THAT THE RUMORS WERE ALL LIES.

buzz buzz

THEY'RE MAKING SUCH A BIG DEAL.



NEXT PERSON IN LINE, PLEASE.



I WONDER IF FANS OF EACH BAND ARE BUYING THE OTHER SINGLE OUT OF CURIOSITY?

EVEN GRAMPS HERE.

BUT EVERYONE'S BUYING BOTH SINGLES.

THAT'S GREAT!

THEY SHOULD SELL THEM AS A SET!



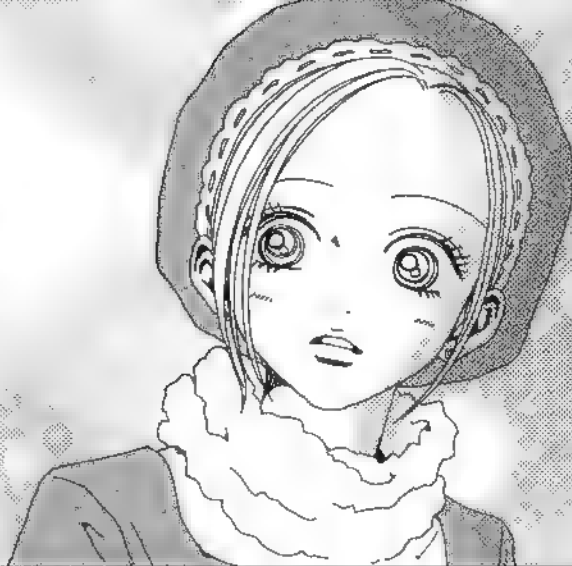
Scouting

BUT WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?

SO I ASSUMED THERE WAS NO CROSSOVER IN THEIR FAN BASE.

TRAPNEST AND BLAST DON'T REALLY SOUND ALIKE, AND PEOPLE GOSSIP ABOUT THEM AS IF THEY'RE ENEMIES...

MAYBE
THEIR
ENGAGEMENT
SUCKED IN
PEOPLE WHO
WOULDN'T
NORMALLY
LISTEN TO
EITHER PUNK
OR ROCK?



BUT I
LIKE
BOTH
BANDS,
TOO.

...AND
THEY
CHANNEL
THAT
LOVE
INTO
THEIR
RECORD-
INGS.

THEY
ALL
JUST
LOVE
PLAYING
MUSIC...

'CAUSE
WITH
BOTH
TRAPNEST
AND
BLAST...

IF
THAT'S
THE
DEAL,
I'M
PSYCHED.

I HOPE THE
WHOLE COUNTRY
GIVES NANA AND
REN THEIR
BLESSINGS.

IT'S
SCREWED UP
TO USE THAT
TO PIT THEM
AGAINST
EACH OTHER.

Marriage Registration Form

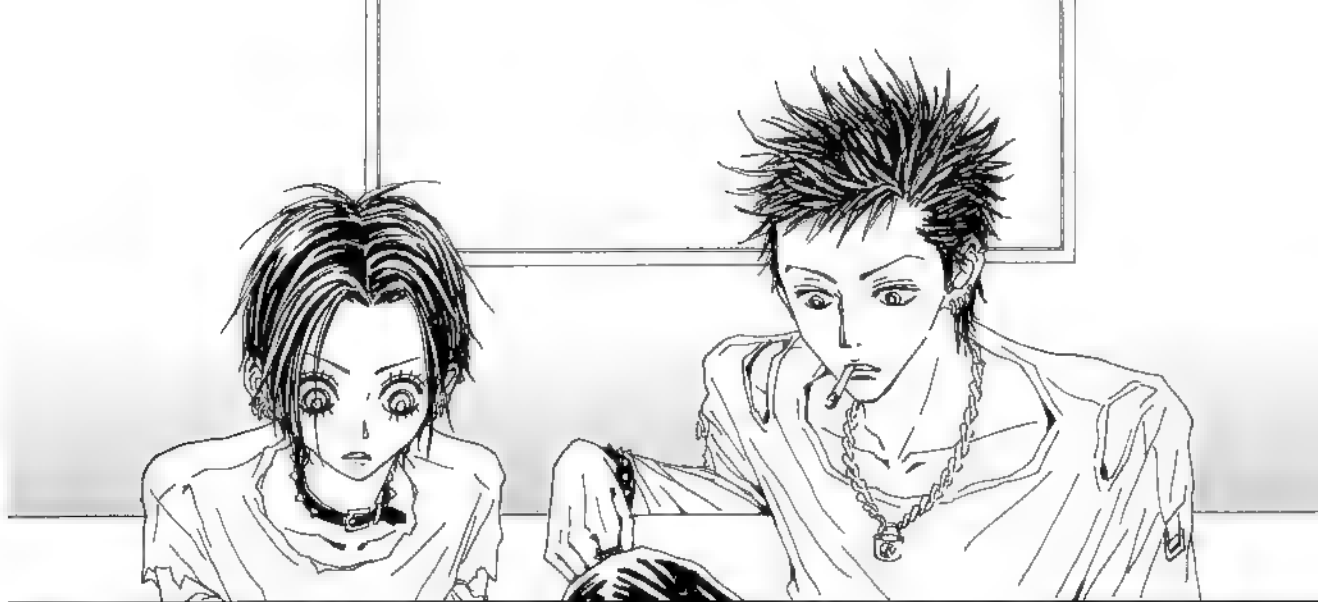
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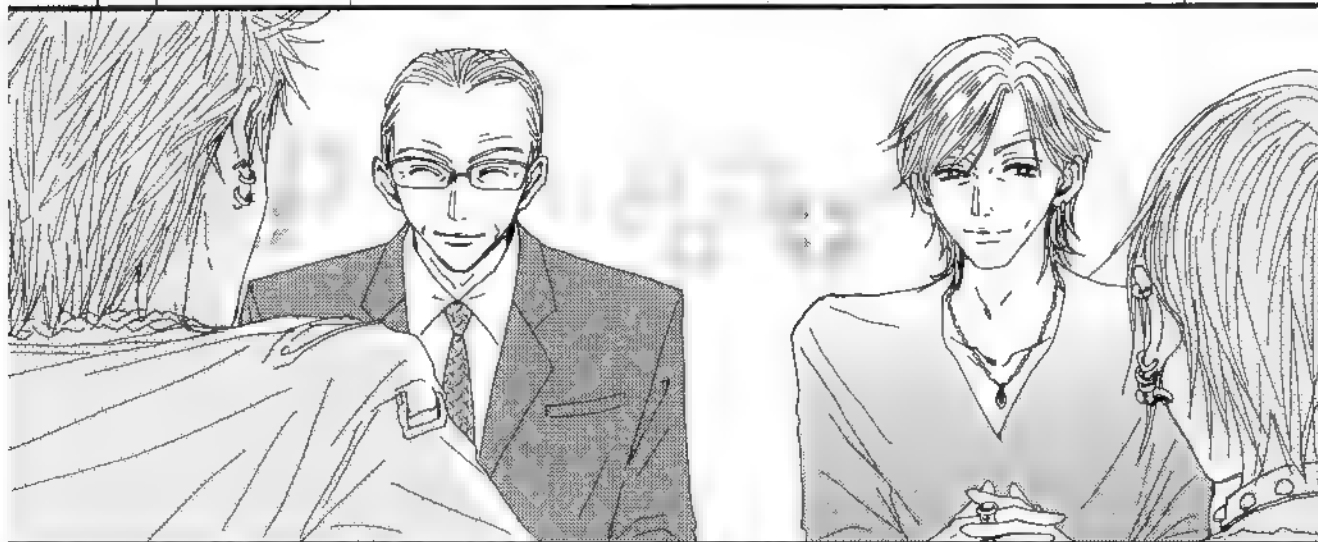
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(1)

	Husband		Wife	
Name	Last name	First name	Last name	First name
Date of Birth	/ /		/ /	
Address				



Witnesses		
Signature Seal	Yasunori Nishimoto (西本)	Mitsuru Narita (成田)
Date of birth	May 19, 1949	July 3, 1955





Number

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Husband

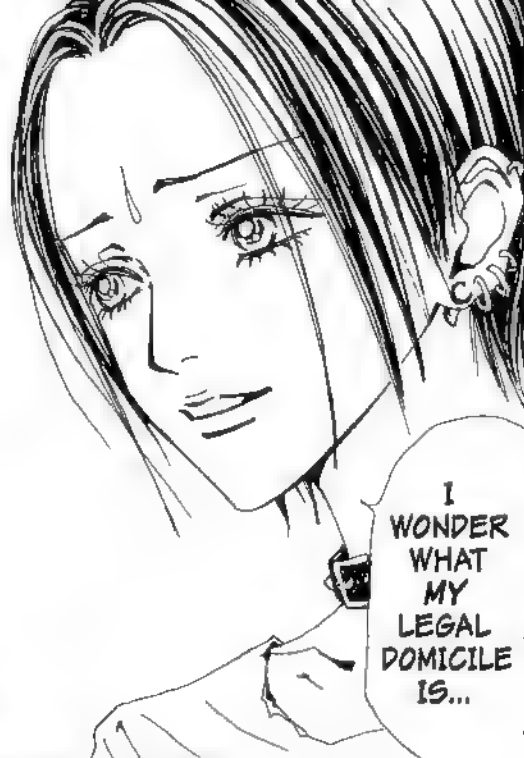
Last name *Ren*

First name *Honjo*

Legal domicile (Foreigners just write nationality)

Head of family





I
WONDER
WHAT
MY
LEGAL
DOMICILE
IS...



IN ORDER TO FILE A
MARRIAGE REGISTRA-
TION FORM WITH A WARD
OFFICE THAT'S NOT IN
YOUR LEGAL DOMICILE,
YOU NEED OFFICIAL
COPIES OF YOUR FAMILY
REGISTERS, TOO.

YOU
DON'T
HAVE
TO
MAKE
THEM
FILL
IT OUT
HERE.



YES.
WE'LL HAVE
THEM MOVE
YOUR STUFF
RIGHT AWAY,
TOO.

HAVE THE
STAFF TAKE
CARE OF ALL
THE DETAILS.

OKAY
...

FIND OUT
WHERE
YOUR LEGAL
DOMICILE IS,
AND BOTH
OF YOU,
GET COPIES
OF YOUR
FAMILY REG-
ISTERS.

NANA
...

BUT
WE
GOTTA
STRIKE
WHILE
THE
IRON'S
HOT.

I
UNDER-
STAND
...



OUR
STUFF
?

BEFORE
YOU
CHANGE
YOUR
MINDS.



I
ALREADY
RE-
SERVED
A ROOM
FOR
YOU.

YOU
CAN
STAY
AT THIS
HOTEL
TOGETHER,
STARTING
TONIGHT.



WHAT
?!

NO
MATTER
WHAT
THOSE
OLD
GEEZERS
ARE
SCHEMING,
YOU
AND REN
CAN
STILL
GET
MARRIED.
♡

WELL,
IT'LL
BE ALL
RIGHT.

THEY'RE
BEING SO
OBVIOUS
ABOUT IT.
IT'S
WEARING
ME DOWN,
BIT BY
BIT.

2602

RIGHT...

THEY
REALIZED
THEY COULD
INCREASE
BUSINESS BY
DRAWING UP
A FRIENDSHIP
TREATY IN-
STEAD OF
HAVING Y'ALL
COMPETING
AGAINST EACH
OTHER.

SO
IT'S A
MARRIAGE
OF
CONVEN-
IENCE.



IT FEELS MORE LIKE WE'RE UNDER HOUSE ARREST, SO WE DON'T DO ANYTHING THAT GOES AGAINST THE COMPANIES' INTERESTS.

ARE WE?

YOU GUYS ARE SO LUCKY!

AND IT'S ON THE COMPANY'S DIME!

AND UNTIL YOU GUYS GET YOUR OWN PLACE, YOU CAN LIVE TOGETHER IN THIS NICE SUITE!



AND THEY SAY WE CAN BE A LOT MORE OPEN WITH OUR RELATIONSHIPS?



THIS IS ONE OF JAPAN'S FANCIEST HOTELS!

BETTER ?!

WELL, IT'S BETTER THAN THE BEAT-UP BUSINESS HOTEL THEY THREW US IN LAST TIME.

I'VE HAD IT.

AND JUST WHEN I FINALLY GOT USED TO LIVING IN THE DORM, I'M BACK TO LIVING OUT OF A HOTEL ROOM.

REIRA LIVES HERE TOO!



Reira Lives here, too?!

WHAT ?!



GIMME A BREAK ...

PLEASE BE MY FRIEND!

SPEAK OF THE DEVIL?

OH-
♡

ding dong



THAT'S NICE OF YOU, MIKA. ♡

OF COURSE, YOU'RE HER HUSBAND! ♡

I'M GOING TO GO OUT TO LUNCH FOR ABOUT AN HOUR.



CAN I COME IN?



WHADDYA WANT?



CRAZY, HUH? ♡

YEAH, MIKA JUST TOLD ME.

WANNA KNOW WHAT?

REIRA FROM TRAPNEST LIVES IN THIS HOTEL, TOO!



OH-TRAP-NEST SECRET SOCIETY! WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?!

TAKU-MI'S GOING TO KILL HER. IT'S TOP SECRET.



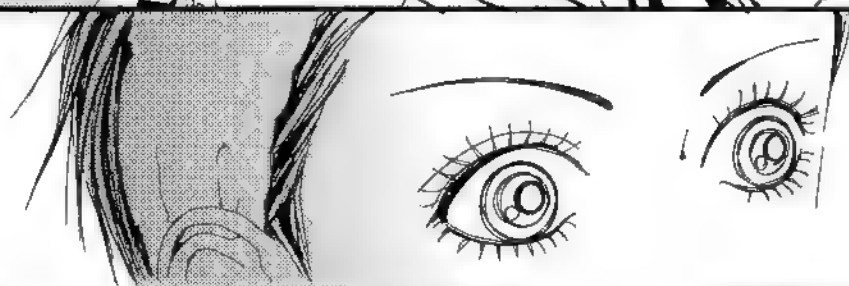
PLEASE ACT NORMAL AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE, ALL RIGHT?

MA'AM, THAT'S NO WAY TO TALK TO YOUR DEAR HUSBAND.



Parents' Names Relation to Parents (For adoptive parents, write in "Others" section)	Father	Relationship	Fath
	Mother	Son	Moth



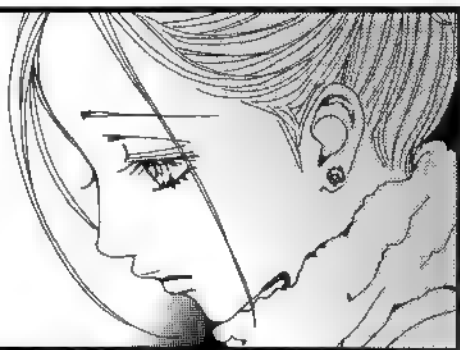


I
CAN'T
HAVE
THEM
OVER
HERE.

EVEN IF
I MAKE
FRIENDS,
I HAVE
TO KEEP
SOME
DISTANCE.

THERE'RE
TOO MANY
SECRETS
I CAN'T
TELL
PEOPLE.

BUT
I
WONDER
IF I
CAN
MAKE
NEW
FRIENDS.



I'LL
TELL
HER,
JUST
IN
CASE.

I WONDER
IF JUN
KNOWS ABOUT
THE PRESS
CONFERENCE
TODAY.

I GUESS
I DON'T
HAVE ANY
FRIENDS.

slump



I MIGHT GET
SAD WATCHING
IT ALONE AND
THEN JUST
GET WORKED
UP OVER IT.

IT'S
A
WEEK-
DAY,
MAYBE
SHE'S
AT
SCHOOL
?

....

YOU'RE
BEING
CONNECTED
TO THE
VOICE MAIL
SERVICE
OF..



WE
HAVEN'T
TALKED
SINCE
THEN.
I WONDER
HOW
MISATO'S
DOING.



THEY
SET A
RECORD
RELEASE
DATE FOR
BLAST!



WAIT-
YEAH I DO!
MY CO-
CONSPIRATOR
WHO'S PERFECT
AT A TIME
LIKE THIS!

I HAVEN'T TOLD
HER ANYTHING,
BUT I FEEL LIKE
SHE KNOWS
EVERYTHING.



I
WONDER
HOW
MUCH
SHE
KNOWS
ABOUT
MY
CURRENT
SITU-
ATION.

WHY DOES
SHE ALWAYS
KNOW
EVERYTHING
ABOUT
EVERY-
THING?

IS
SHE
FBI?!

beep



I'LL
CALL
HER!

BUT...

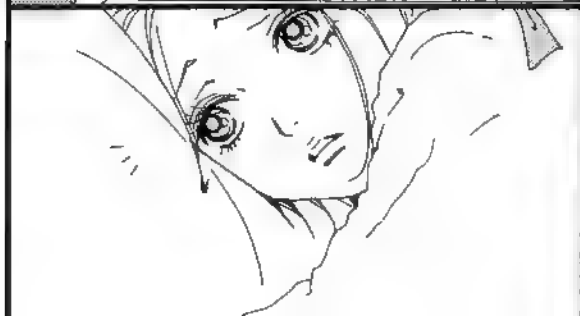


...'CAUSE SHE
FOUND OUT I
SCREWED
NOBU OVER
AND SHE'S
MAD AT ME.



MAYBE
SHE
HASN'T
CALLED
ME...

ding dong



I'd like to
ask you
about your
relationship
with
Takumi from
Trapnest.



Hello,
Ma'am?
♡

Please
open
the door,
Ma'am.



COOKIE
MUSIC

TRAPNEST

NO!

WHAT
ARE
YOU
SAYING
?!

TRAPNEST

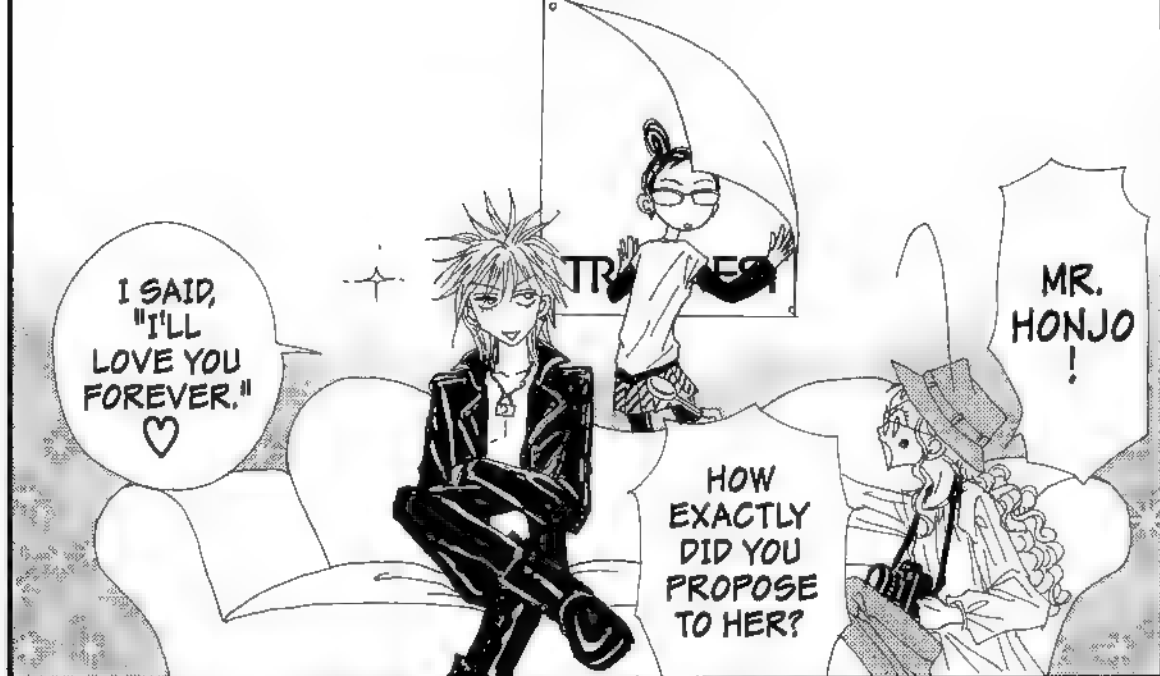
Me,
too!

BUT I
WANT TO
SEE IT IN
PERSON!

IF I GO
INCOGNITO,
CAN I BE
THERE
DURING THE
PRESS CON-
FERENCE?

HEY,
MARI-







YEAH BUT BECAUSE OF THAT, WE CAN'T GET MARRIED.

IT'S LIKE A DREAM.

NOW NANA AND REN CAN REALLY GET MARRIED.

GOOD FOR YOU. ♡

THE PRESIDENT TOLD ME "YOU HAVE TO STAY SINGLE 'TIL YOU'RE 30."



THERE'S NO WAY WE'RE GOING TO BE THIS POPULAR FOR SEVEN MORE YEARS.

BUT HE'S JUST SAYING THAT.



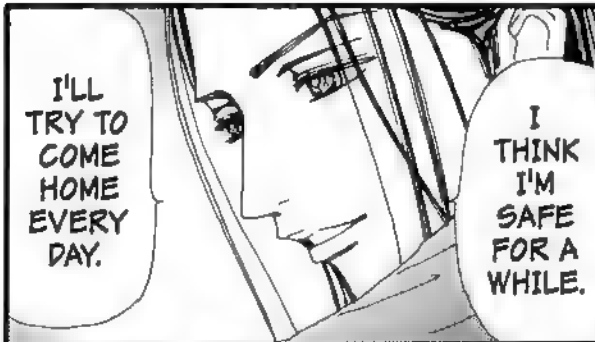
I DON'T CARE HOW MANY YEARS IT TAKES US TO GET MARRIED, BUT DON'T GIVE UP ON THE BAND!

THAT'S NOT TRUE!



IT WAS HARD FOR ME TO STEP DOWN AND TAKE A LOSS FOR THEM...

BUT NOT EVERYTHING SUCKS.



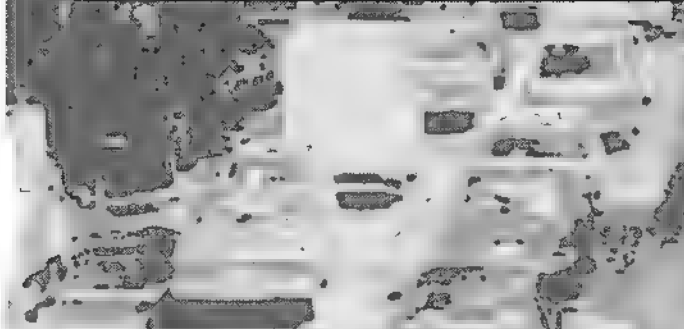
I'LL
TRY TO
COME
HOME
EVERY
DAY.

I
THINK
I'M
SAFE
FOR A
WHILE.



P
L
O
P

NOW THAT
ALL EYES
ARE ON REN
AND NANA,
I GOT TO
COME HOME
WITHOUT
ANYONE
FOLLOWING
ME. ♡



DO YOU
WANT
BLAST
TO END
UP AS A
ONE-HIT
WONDER
?!

WE
CAN'T
LET IT
END!

BUT
THINGS
WILL GET
EVEN
CRAZIER,
TO TOP OFF
THIS MEDIA
CIRCUS.

Vrrroom

WE GOT SO
MUCH DIRT ON
THEM, BUT
EVERYONE'S
JUST GOING
FOR THE
CANDY THAT'S
RIGHT IN
FRONT OF
THEIR EYES!

I'VE NEVER
HEARD OF A
MUSICIAN GET-
TING MARRIED
RIGHT AS THEIR
DEBUT RECORD
COMES OUT!

WHAT
THE
HELL'S
GAIA
THINK-
ING?!

WE
CAN'T
USE
MISUZU
UEHARA.

SHE
DENIED
EVERYTHING,
EVEN WHEN
I PILED
MONEY IN
FRONT OF
HER AND
THREATENED
HER.

SHE'S
A
TOUGH
LADY.

IT'D
ONLY
MAKE
REN'S
STOCK
RISE.

NANA'S
POPULAR AS
THE "BAD GUY."

IF SHE
STARTS TO
LOOK LIKE
JUST A REAL
WOMAN,
NO ONE WILL
CARE ABOUT
BLAST
ANYMORE.

I DON'T KNOW
WHO GAVE HIM
THE ADVICE,
BUT NARITA,
WHO'S A
KNOWN IDIOT,
WAS
SMARTER
THAN GAIA.

HEH
HEH

IT'S
JUST
WEIRD.

GOD-
DAMMIT.

HMMM
...

.....

ORONOMITAKI

UEHARA

THAT'S
JUST
LIKE
NANA'S
BIRTH
MOTHER.



...DAD
WENT OUT
TO PLAY
PACHINKO
AND
HASN'T
COME
BACK.

I
FINISHED
MY
NIGHT
SHIFT,
BUT...

THEY'RE
WORKING
YOU
OVER-
TIME!

WHAT'S
UP,
BIG
BRO?

WHOA!

IT'S
ONLY ONE
O'CLOCK!
WHY AREN'T
YOU IN
SCHOOL?!

MISATO!

I
WANT
HIM
TO BUY
ME A
CD!

I
HOPE
THAT
MEANS
HE'S WIN-
NING!

YOU
LOOK
FINE
TO ME.

ARE
YOU
SICK?

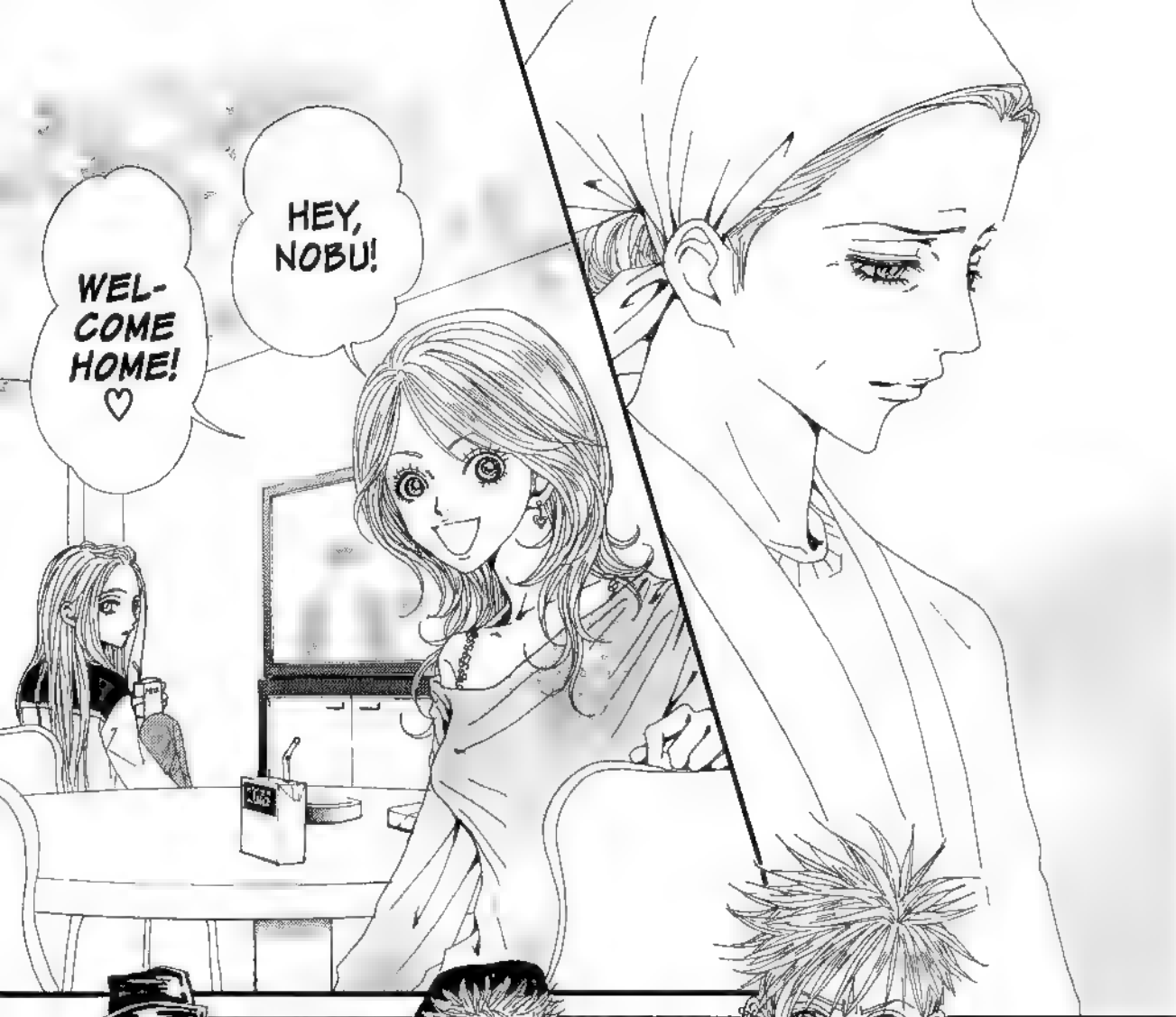
I
LEFT
EARLY.

I
HAVE TO
WATCH
THEIR
PRESS
CONFER-
ENCE
ON TV!

OF
COURSE
I'M
FINE!

NANA
AND REN
ARE
GETTING
MARRIED!





WEL-
COME
HOME!



HEY,
NOBU!



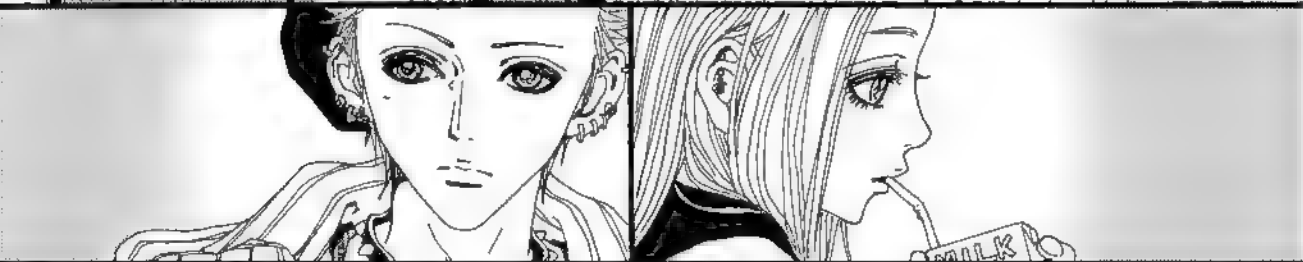
THERE'S
NOT MUCH
OF A DIF-
FERENCE
BETWEEN
YOU TWO.

DON'T
USE THE
LAW OF
PERSPEC-
TIVE!

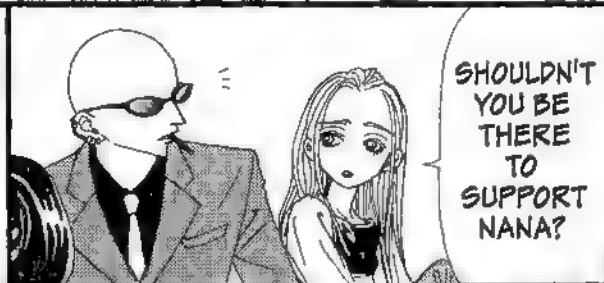
YOU'RE
SCRAWNIER
THAN I AM!

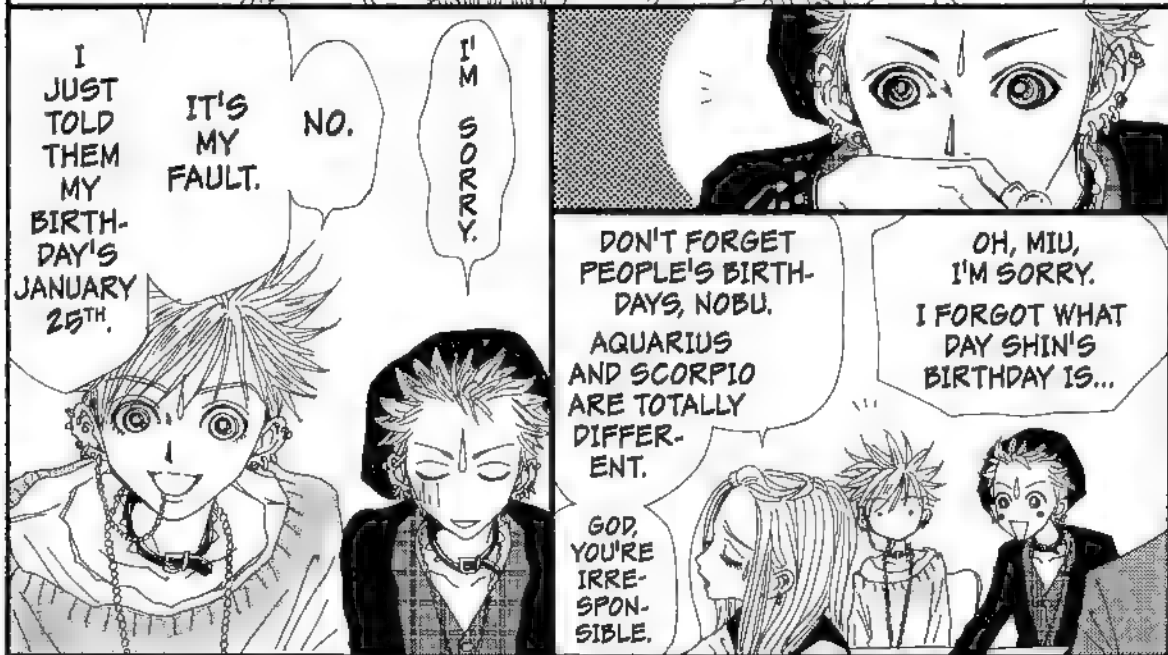
EVEN
THOUGH
HE'S THE
SCRAWNY
ONE.

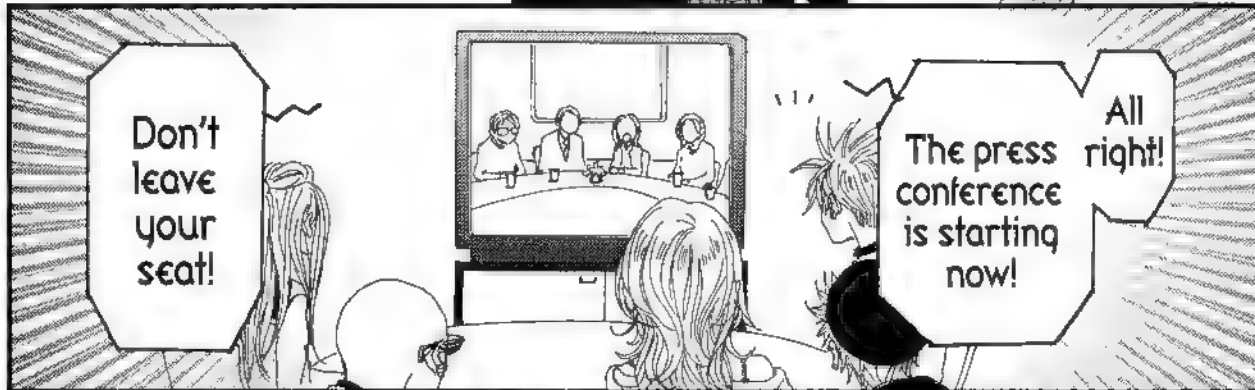
AGAIN,
SHE ONLY
SEES
NOBU.

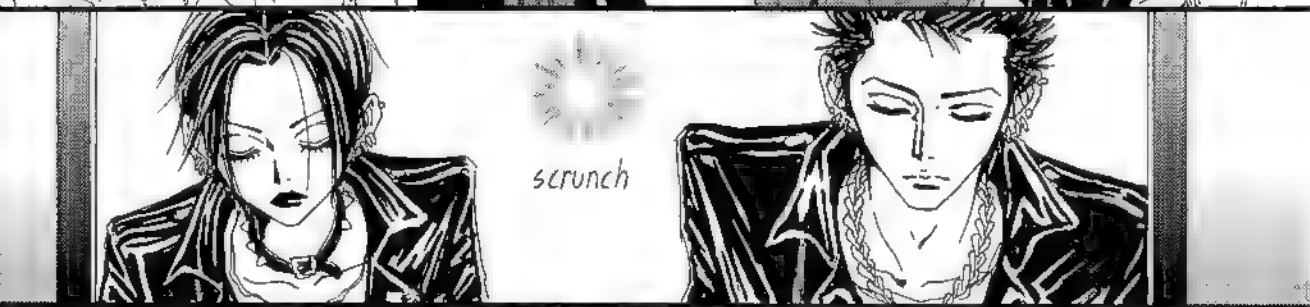
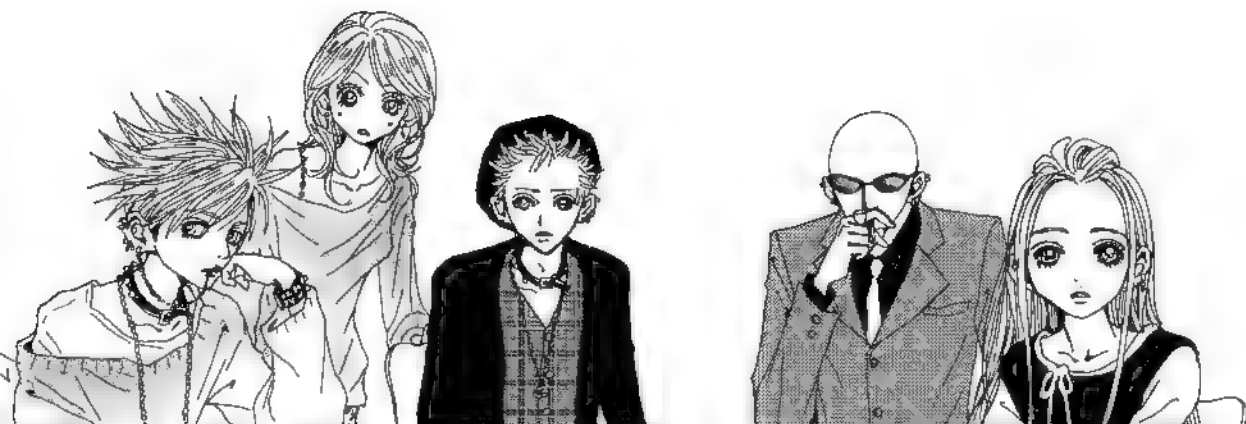


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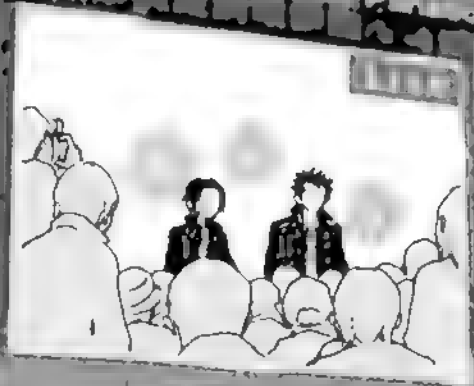


BUT
SO
WHAT?

...STILL
HAVEN'T
BEEN
BROKEN.

...THAT
RULED
THE
HEADLINES
THEN...

THE
RECORD
SALES
OF
THE
TWO
GREAT
BANDS
...



HEY, NANA...

I WON'T PRESSURE YOU TO GO FOR IT ANYMORE.

SO JUST SING THE SONGS YOU LOVE,
LOOKING UP AT THE SKY.



...WOULD
BE
HELD
TOGETHER
BY
OUR
MATCH-
ING
RINGS.

I FELT
THAT
THE
RED
STRING
THAT
WAS
ABOUT
TO
BREAK...

...WHO
MADE ME
BELIEVE
IN FATE,
MORE
THAN
ANYONE
I'D EVER
MET
BEFORE.

NANA
WAS
SOME-
ONE...



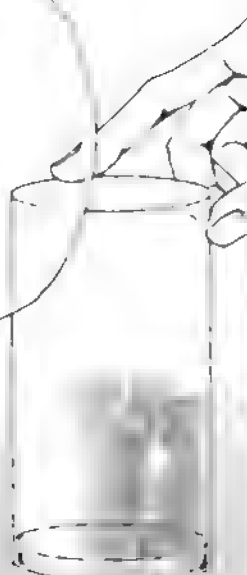


NANA

→→
[Chapter 45]



Happy Birthday!
I bought your CD.
Remember me
sometimes, too. ♡
Ryoko



YOU'VE
TAKEN
ROOT
DEEP
INSIDE
OF ME.

WHOOSH



THE
PRESS
CON-
FERENCE
YESTER-
DAY?

HEY,
DID
YOU
SEE
IT?



I
WISH
HE'D
BOARD
OUR
PLANE.



HE
RULES!
♡



REN
IS SO
COOL!
♡



I
SAW
IT!



I
MEAN,
WE
STILL
HAVE
TAKUMI!
♡

AS LONG
AS REN'S
HAPPY,
THAT'S
FINE WITH
ME.♡

Y
E
A
H.

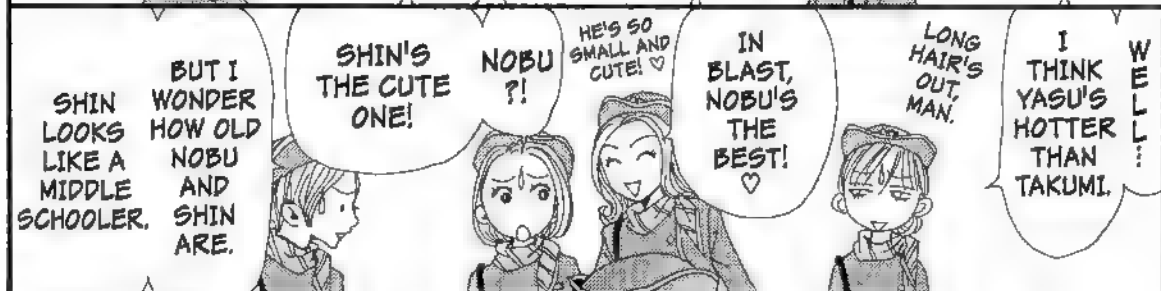
THEY
WERE BOTH
SO NATURAL
AND
CASUAL,
I COULD
RELATE.

SHE
SEEMS
NICE
ENOUGH.

HUH
?

WHY
CAN'T
SHE JUST
DISAP-
PEAR?

BUT
NANA
PISSES
ME
OFF!



SHIN
LOOKS
LIKE A
MIDDLE
SCHOOLER.

BUT I
WONDER
HOW OLD
NOBU
AND
SHIN
ARE.

SHIN'S
THE CUTE
ONE!

NOBU
?!

HE'S SO
SMALL AND
CUTE!♡

IN
BLAST,
NOBU'S
THE
BEST!
♡

LONG
HAIR'S
OUT,
MAN.

I
THINK
YASU'S
HOTTER
THAN
TAKUMI.

W
E
L
L...



WHO DO
YOU LIKE
BEST IN
BLAST?

YASU?

HEY,
RYOKO.



I DON'T
REALLY
GET INTO
CELEB-
RITIES.

NO,
SORRY.

BUT WHEN SHE LETS HER HAIR DOWN, SHE REALLY LOOKS LIKE REIRA.

I WISH I DID. ♡

NO, RYOKO HAD THAT HAIRDO BEFORE TRAP-NEST.

IT'S A RYOKO PERM.

WELL, HER PERM SURE LOOKS A LOT LIKE REIRA'S.

RYOKO'S A STRANGE BIRD. I WONDER WHAT SHE IS INTO.

OPERAT

click clack click

.....



WHOOSH

THE AIR'S SO FRESH!

THE NON-SMOKING CAR IS SO NICE. ♡

Why else would we go to Nagoya?!

WHAT about HITSUMA-bushi*?!

WHAT?! WHAT about chicken wings?!

I'M SURE YOU MADE RESERVATIONS FOR SOME DELICIOUS MISO UPON NOODLES. ♡

A FEMALE STAFFER IS SO MUCH MORE CONSIDERATE. THANKS, MARI. ♡

I ALWAYS THINK WE'RE GONNA GET SICK WHEN REN AND TAKUMI ARE AROUND.

THEY SHOULD BE THE ONES GETTING SICK!

TO PROMOTE YOUR NEW SINGLE!

SORRY, TODAY IT'S JUST A LUNCH BOX AT THE RADIO STATION.





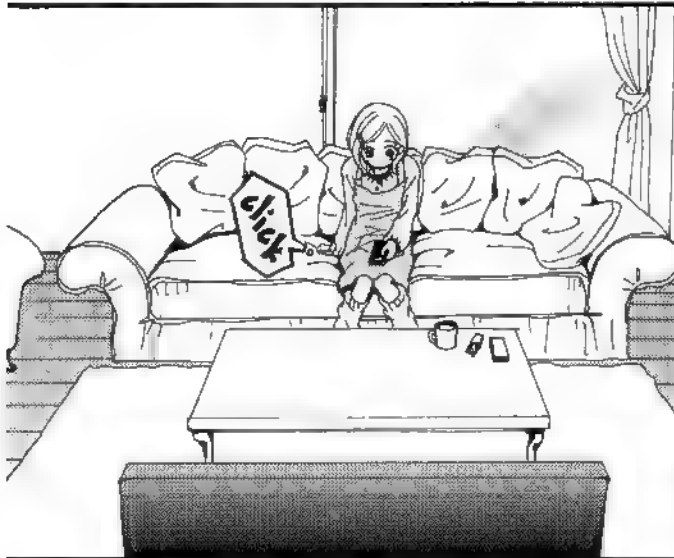
I WAS
THINKING
THAT WE
SHOULD
MAKE UP
FOR IT
SOMEHOW,
TOO.

YEAH.



I GET IT.

SO IF IT'S
JUST REN, IT'S
ACCEPTABLE?



We
apologize
for the
media's
misunder-
standing of
our lives.

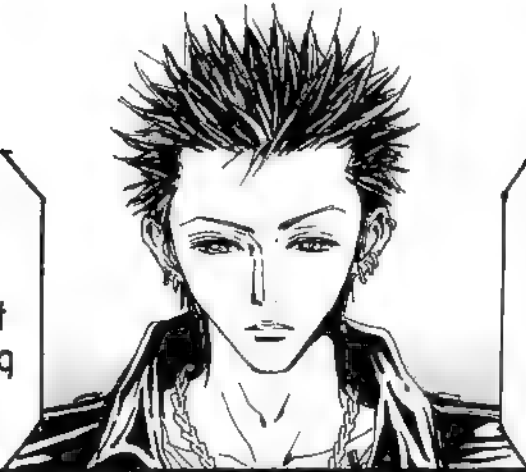
...to thank
you for
attending
this press
conference.

click

click

We
want
...

Hello
...



But we
have no
intention of
commenting
on them.

There
have been
many
hurtful
rumors
making the
round.



...We hope
that you'll
think twice
about the
truth of those
rumors.

However,
because we
are choosing
to announce
our engage-
ment publicly
here today...



I HAVE
NOTHING
BETTER
TO DO.

I'M
WATCH-
ING
IT
OVER
AND
OVER.

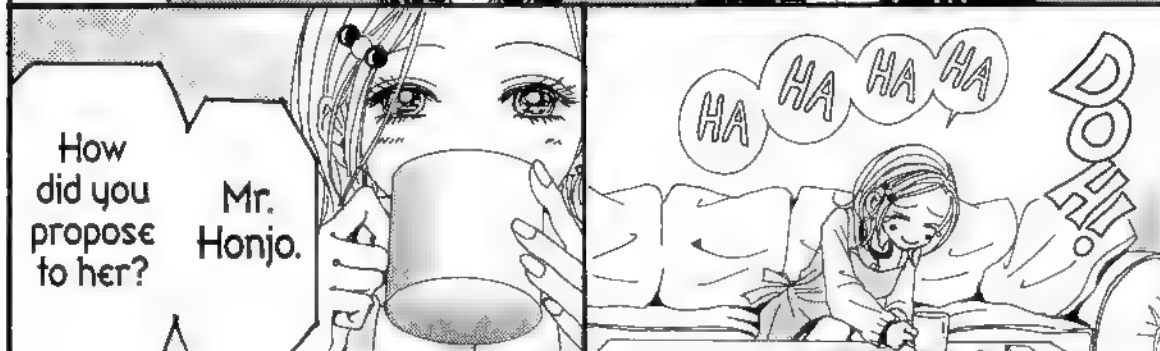
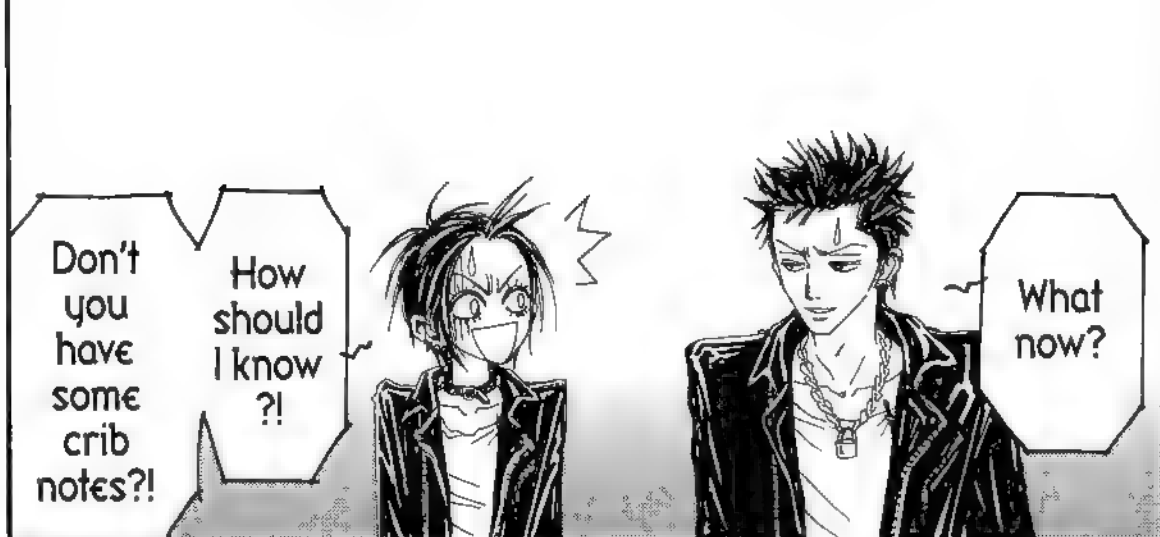


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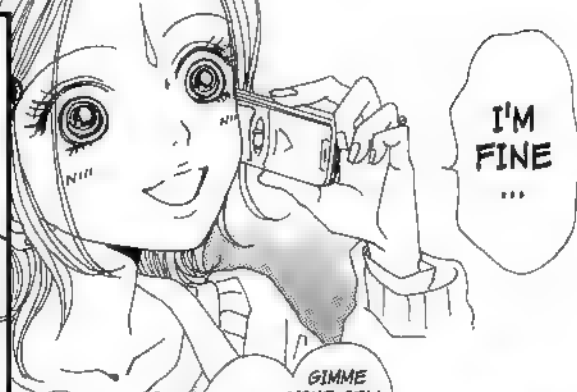


HE'S
ALWAYS
COOL,
NO
MATTER
HOW
MANY
TIMES
I
SEE
HIM!
♡

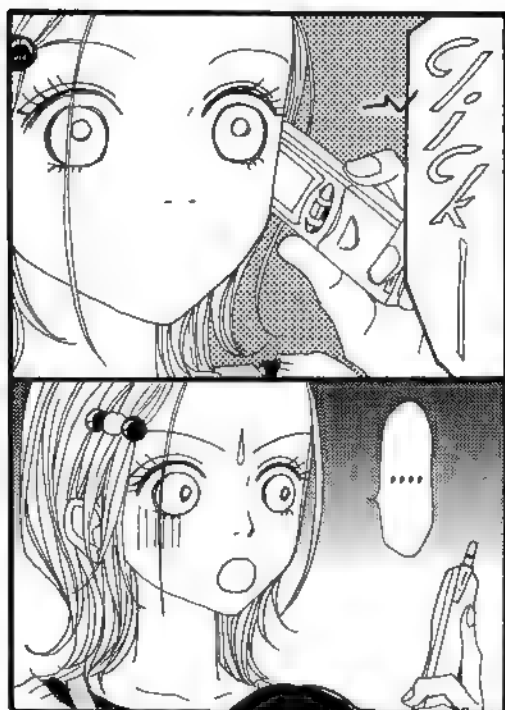
He's
so
ooooooooo!!











I DON'T UNDER-
STAND
THE
CELEBRITY
MENTALITY!

OR
WAS SHE
JUST
BEING
NICE
TO ME?

BUT I
WONDER
IF
HE'S
LYING.

TAKUMI
SAID
THERE'S
NOTHING
GOING
ON WITH
HIM AND
REIRA...



I'll come pick
you up at 6, baby ♡
☺(◡)!

Unread Messages
November 1 10:11
Naoki
☑ Party ♪

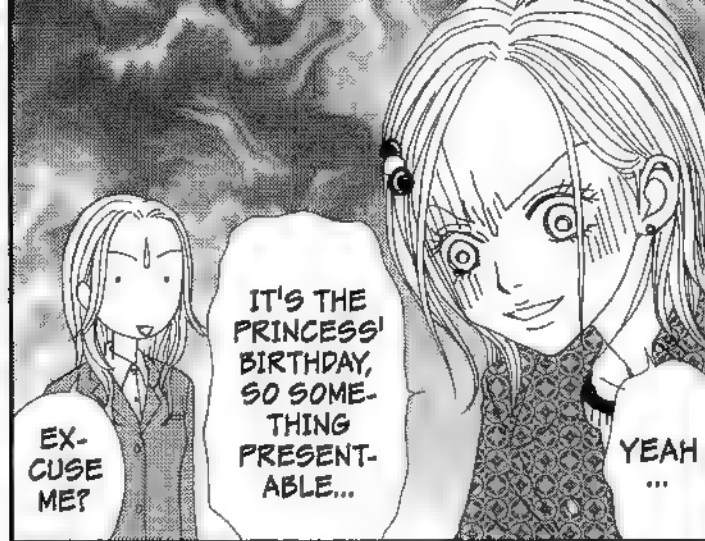


I DON'T KNOW
WHAT'S GOING ON,
BUT I HAVE TO
GO, RIGHT?

ARE YOU
LOOKING
FOR SOME-
THING IN
PARTIC-
ULAR?

HELLO,
COME
ON IN!





EX-
CUSE
ME?

IT'S THE
PRINCESS'
BIRTHDAY,
SO SOME-
THING
PRESENT-
ABLE...

YEAH
...

SHE'S
PROBABLY
PICKY
ABOUT
WHAT SHE
WEARS.

I
SHOULDN'T
GET
HER
JEWELRY
...



EVEN
THOUGH
I'M OLD...

BUT
I
WANT
ONE!

WELL,
SHE'S
NOT A
KID...

HOW
'BOUT A
STUFFED
ANIMAL
?!

BUT
SHE
PROBABLY
OWNS
REAL
PAINT-
INGS
AND
STUFF.

DOES
SHE LIKE
KLINT?

MAYBE
SOMETHING
SOPHISTICATED
LIKE AN
ARTBOOK?



SHOULD
I WEAR
IT?

BUT I
DON'T WANT
REIRA TO
LOOK LIKE
THIS.

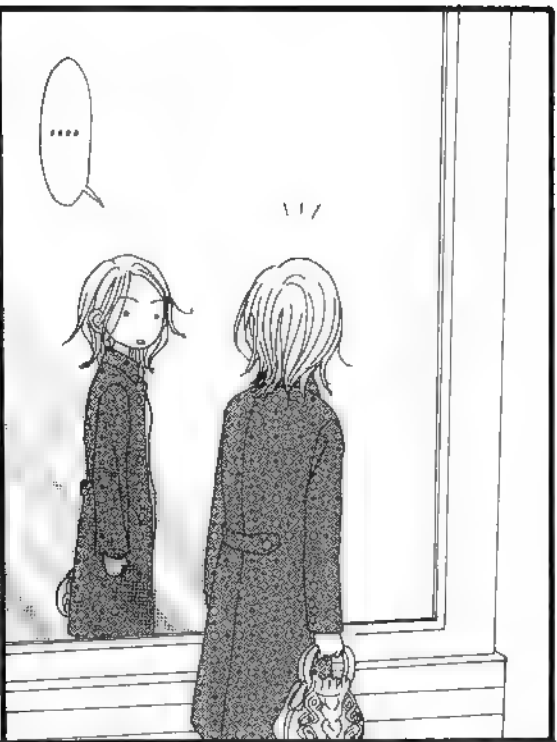
OH YEAH,
UNDER-
COVER
OUTFITS!
SHE NEEDS
THAT!

I
SUCK
...

WHAT
DO YOU
GIVE A
CELEB-
RITY?

WHAT
DO I
DO?

OH
NO...





I SHOULD'VE
LOOKED
FOR
CLOTHES
INSTEAD
OF A HAIR
SALON!

I
CAN'T
EVEN
ZIP IT
UP!

W
A
A
H
!

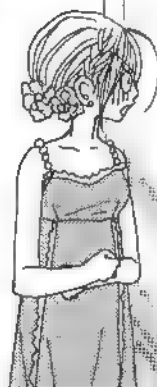


TAKUMI
WILL BE
EMBAR-
RASSED
TO ADMIT
I'M HIS
FIANCEE!

MY FACE
GOT ALL
ROUND!

MY BELLY,
FINE,
BUT WHY
EVERY-
THING
ELSE,
TOO?

'CAUSE
IT'S THE
DEMON
LORD'S
BABY?!



Not really!



WHY
AM I
GAIN-
ING
WEIGHT
EVERY
DAY?



AND WHAT
ABOUT A
BIRTHDAY
PRESENT?!



YOU'RE
TOO
EARLY,
NAOKI!

GOD-
DAMMIT!

Ding don—g

It's
Kyosuke-
Junko!



Hey
girl!



WE
JUST
CAME TO
WATCH
THE
VIDEO!

DON'T
ASK!

YOU'RE
IN
TROUBLE
AGAIN?

HUH?

THERE'S
A FLOWER
BLOOMING
FROM
YOUR
HEAD

SNACK

THE
VIDEO
?

TOTAL
TELE-
PATHY!

DID
YOU COME
'CAUSE
YOU KNEW
I WAS IN
TROUBLE?

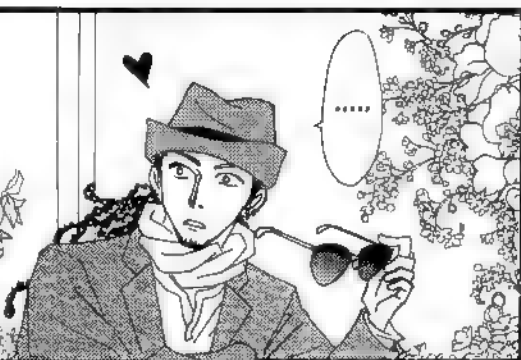
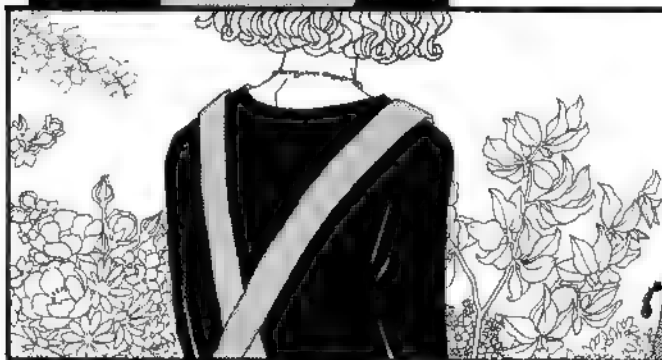
WHAT'RE
YOU
DOING
HERE?
WHAT HAP-
PENED?

BUT WE
MISSED
IT, SO
NOW WE
HAVE
TO SEE
IT.

EVERY-
ONE AT
SCHOOL
WAS
TALKING
ABOUT
IT.

TODAY
WAS
INSANE.

YESTERDAY'S
PRESS
CONFERENCE.
YOU
RECORDED
IT, RIGHT?



Ding don—g



NAKII?!



YOU CAN HIDE YOUR BELLY WITH THIS SHAWL.

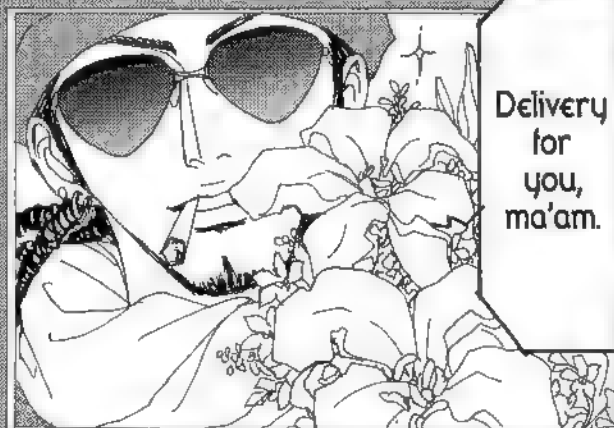
PLAY IT SAFE.

THIS SHOULD WORK.

HERE, I GOT IT.

BUT WHAT SHOES SHOULD I WEAR?

IT SUCKS NOT BEING ABLE TO WEAR HEELS FOR SOMETHING LIKE THIS.



Delivery for you, ma'am.



Hey now! I can hear you!



I NEED SOME SPICE IN MY LIFE.

I'M SICK OF LOOKING AT YOUR FACE.

OH, IT'S JUST YOU.

YEAH! YEAH!

WE STILL HAVE SOME TIME. WANT TO WATCH THE VIDEO?

IF WE DON'T FINISH IT, YOU CAN BORROW THE TAPE.



IT'S LIKE THEY'RE ON THE SAME LEVEL. THAT'S PROBABLY WHY THEY'RE PERFECT FOR EACH OTHER.

WELL, I'D RATHER GET DUMPLINGS.

HERE'S YOUR CHANGE.

I'M SURPRISED YOU DIDN'T THINK OF IT FIRST.

THANK YOU!

OH!

YOU GOT FLOWERS!

EVEN THOUGH THEY PICK ON EACH OTHER, JUN AND KYOSUKE SEEM HAPPY, LIKE THEY'RE HAVING FUN.



SEEM LIKE
COMRADES
EVEN
MORE THAN
LOVERS.
THAT'S WHY
THEY'RE
COOL.



NANA
AND
REN...

*Japanese comedy tag-teaming.

...SO I
HAVE
TO DO
MY
BEST,
BE
SOCIAL,
AND
BLEND
IN.

BUT
THERE'LL
PROBABLY
BE MORE
EVENTS
LIKE THIS
IN THE
FUTURE...



BEWARE
"NANA-REN!"

A
FORMIDABLE
ENEMY HAS
SURFACED.

WHAT IS
THIS?
A HUSBAND
AND WIFE
DOING
MANZAI*?

Ah
Ha
Ha

EVEN
THOUGH
WE CAN
CONSTRUCT
OUR LITTLE
WORLD, I
DON'T THINK
IT CAN GROW.

BUT
TAKUMI AND
I DON'T
REALLY FIT.
WE'RE SO
DIFFERENT.

I DON'T
HAVE
FRIENDS
ANYMORE,
AND I'D FEEL
UNCOM-
FORTABLE.



IF I GO TO
THAT PARTY,
I'M SURE
I'LL BE
TOTALLY OUT
OF PLACE.

WHY
DON'T YOU
INVITE
HACHI
TO THE
PARTY?

HEY,
YASU.

SHE
PROBABLY
STILL
THINKS
SHIN'S
BIRTHDAY
IS IN
JANUARY.

HACHI'D
REMEMBER
HIS
BIRTHDAY
FROM HIS
RESUMÉ,
NOT ME.

BUT SHE
PROBABLY
WOULDN'T
COME,
EVEN IF WE
INVITED
HER.

I
DON'T
MIND.

THAT'S
SO
HACHI.

SHE'D
REMEMBER
IT AS
ONE DAY
OFF.

YA
THINK
?

OH.

BUT OF
COURSE
SHE'D HAVE
A HARD TIME
GOING
THERE.

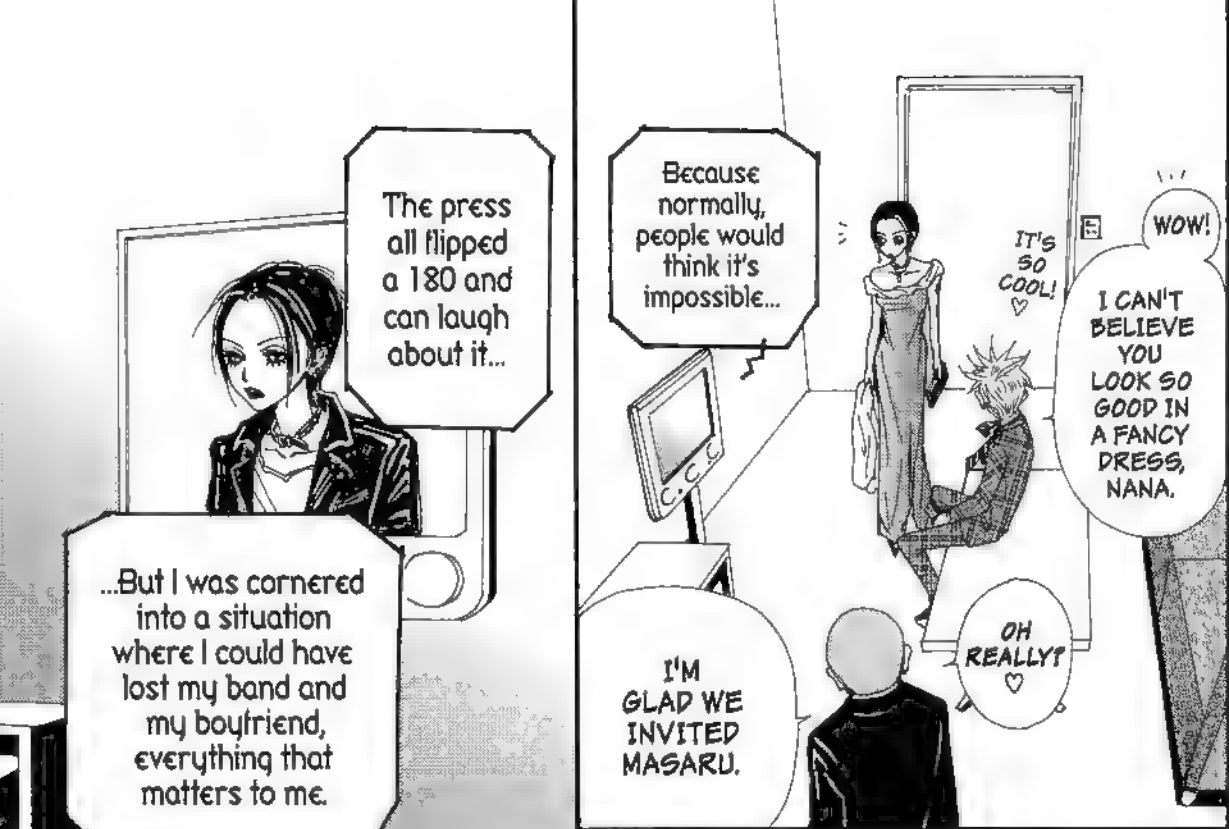
SHIN
WOULD BE
PSYCHED IF
HACHI CAME.

...I'D
CHANGE
MY
OPINION
OF HER.

IF SHE'D
SHOW UP
FOR
SHIN...

BUT
...





The press
all flipped
a 180 and
can laugh
about it...

...But I was cornered
into a situation
where I could have
lost my band and
my boyfriend,
everything that
matters to me.

Because
normally,
people would
think it's
impossible...

IT'S
SO
COOL!
♡

WOW!

I CAN'T
BELIEVE
YOU
LOOK SO
GOOD IN
A FANCY
DRESS,
NANA.

I'M
GLAD WE
INVITED
MASARU.

OH
REALLY?
♡



I
HAD GIN
TAPE IT
FOR ME.

THE
COVETED
VIDEO-
TAPE!
♡

WHAT
ARE
YOU
WATCH-
ING?!



...and
I was
able to
be with
Ren.

...WE
WERE
able to
release
our
debut
single...

But my
band
mates
and our
staff
supported
me...

OH,
THAT PRESS
CONFERENCE
GOT RAVE
REVIEWS.

WHY'D
YOU
DO
THAT
?!

I WAS
WORRIED
HOW IT'D
GO, BUT
IT WAS
A GREAT
SUCCESS!
♡

Thank
you so
very
much.

I would
like to
publicly
express
my
gratitude.



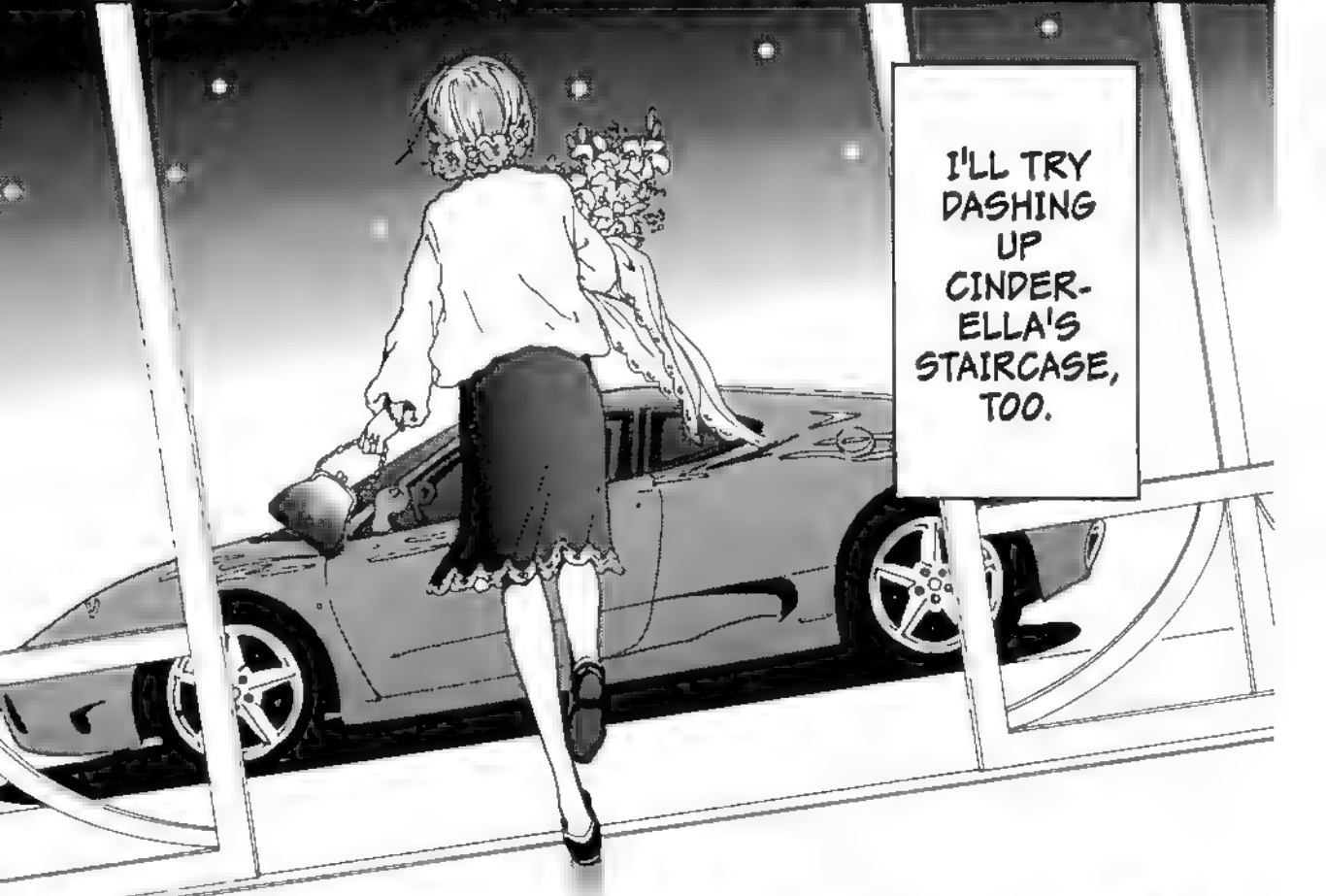




A close-up of Nana, a young woman with long, dark hair, looking directly at the viewer with a slight smile. She is wearing a dark jacket with a collar and a choker necklace. Her right hand is raised to her face, with a ring visible on her finger.

NANA

...

A black and white illustration of Nana walking away from the viewer, carrying a large bouquet of flowers. She is wearing a light-colored long-sleeved shirt and a dark skirt with a ruffled hem. She is walking on a sidewalk next to a dark-colored sports car. The background is a dark sky with stars.

I'LL TRY
DASHING
UP
CINDER-
ELLA'S
STAIRCASE,
TOO.

JUST
LIKE NANA
CAUGHT UP
TO REN.

IF YOU
WORK HARD,
DREAMS
COME TRUE,
RIGHT?

I HAD TO
WASH MY
CAR ONCE
I KNEW
YOU'D BE
RIDING
IN IT.

SORRY
I'M
LATE.

WHY'RE
TRAP-
NEST
ALL
SUCH
FLIRTS?

YA
KNOW?

....

THAT'S
HOW YOU
MET
TAKUMI,
RIGHT?

YOU
KNOW
NANA,
TOO.

AND
YOU
KNOW
...

I HAVE
NO IDEA
WHAT
TO WEAR
TO A
CELEBRITY
PARTY.

DO
YOU
THINK
WHAT
I'M
WEAR-
ING IS
OKAY?

HUH
?

OH.

NANA
?

RELAX,
RELAX.
♡

THAT'S
COOL,
LIKE IN
THE
FOREIGN
MOVIES.
♡

REALLY
?

IT'S A
HOUSE
PARTY
SOME-
WHERE.

DON'T
WORRY
ABOUT
IT.

CELEB-
RITY?

!!
Ah
ha
ha



NANA
WILL
BE AT
THE
PARTY.

YASU'LL
BE
THERE,
TOO.
♡

SO
YOU'LL
HAVE A
FRIEND
THERE,
HACHIKO.



MAY I BE
SO BOLD
AS TO
CALL YOU
HACHIKO?

IT'S
CONFUSING
WITH BOTH
OF YOU
HAVING
THE SAME
NAME.

BOLD!
Ah
ha
ha

SO,
WHAT
ABOUT
NANA
?

SURE.
♡



HUH
?

...ALSO
SHIN'S
BIRTHDAY,
SO THEY'RE
HAVING
THE PARTY
TOGETHER.
♡

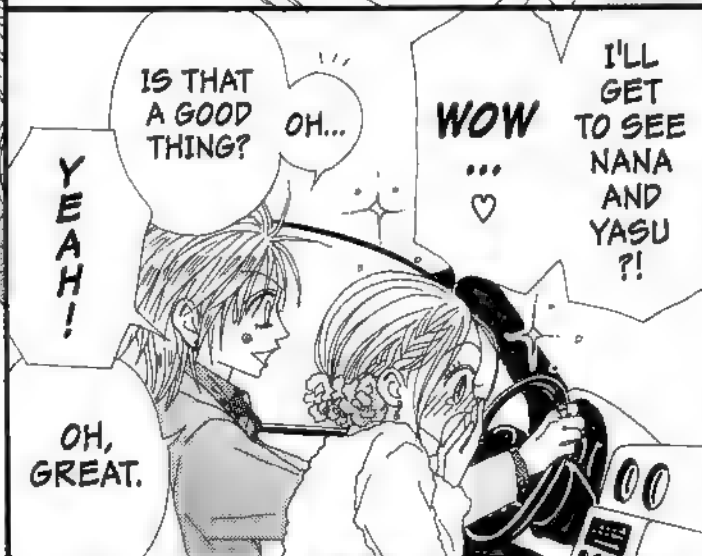
TO-
DAY'S
...

IT WAS ORIGINALLY
A PARTY PLANNED SO
THAT REN COULD GIVE
NANA THE ENGAGEMENT
RING, SO IT MIGHT ALSO
BE AN ENGAGEMENT
PARTY.

ha
ha
♪



WHAT
?



IS THAT
A GOOD
THING?

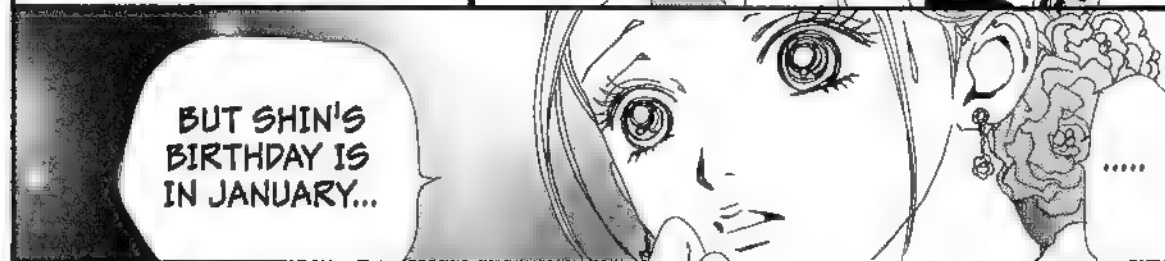
OH...

WOW
...
♡

I'LL
GET
TO SEE
NANA
AND
YASU
?!

YEAH!

OH,
GREAT.



BUT SHIN'S
BIRTHDAY IS
IN JANUARY...



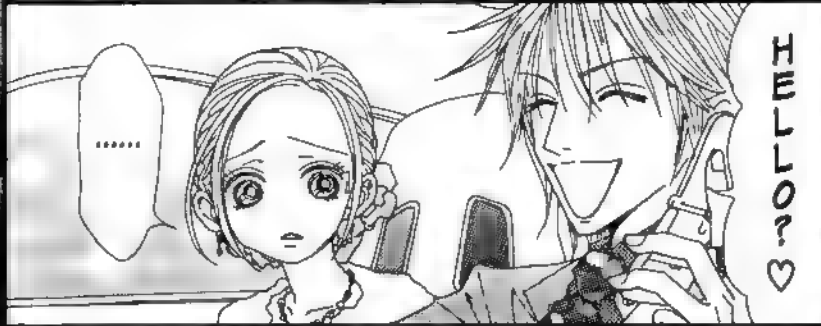
WAIT
A
MINUTE—





I
CAN'T
GO!

NOBU'S
GOING.



HELLO? ♥



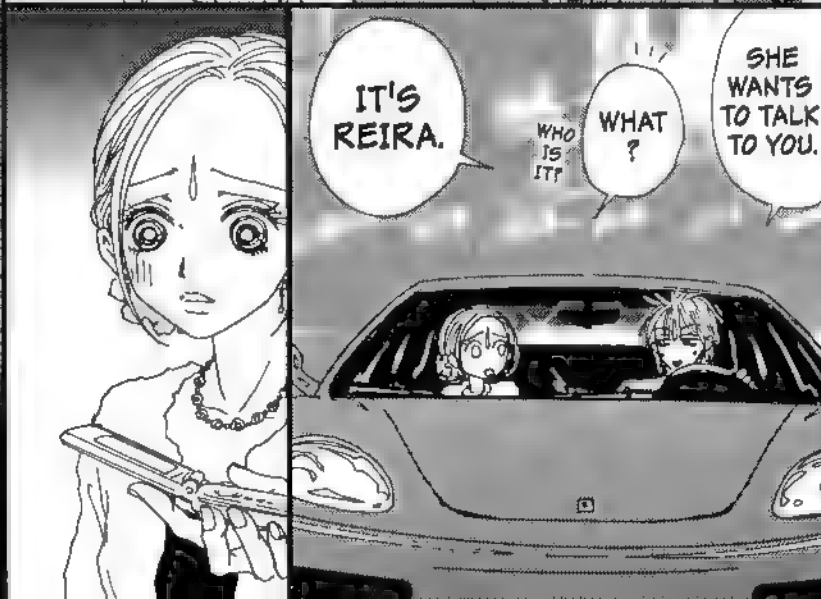
WHO
WOULD
RISK
THEIR
LIFE BY
MESS-
ING
WITH
TAKUMI'S
WOMAN
?

I'M
NOT
DOING
ANY-
THING!

YEAH,
WE'RE
ON OUR
WAY.

OH.
SORRY
I'M
LATE.

TAKUMI
WILL
BE
THERE,
TOO.



IT'S
REIRA.

WHO
IS
IT?

WHAT
?

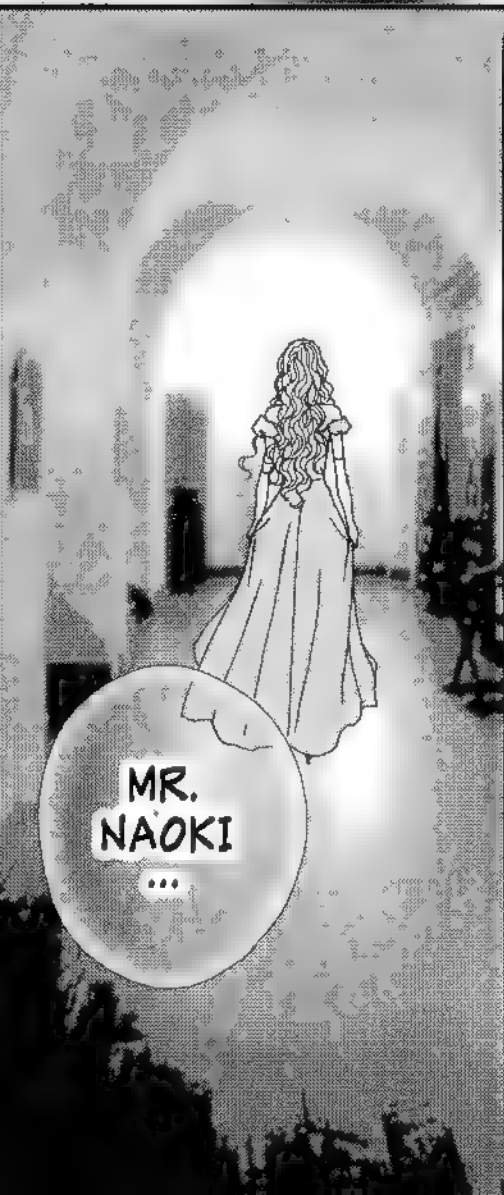
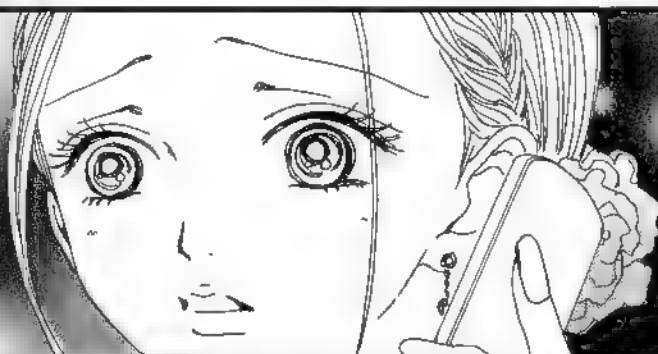
SHE
WANTS
TO TALK
TO YOU.



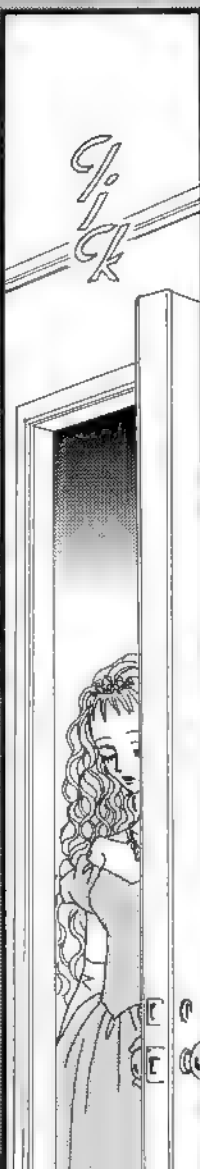


I WISH I'D BEEN BORN
AS YOUR CHILD, HACHI.

YEAH...

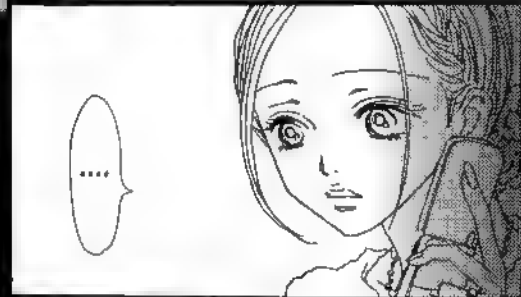
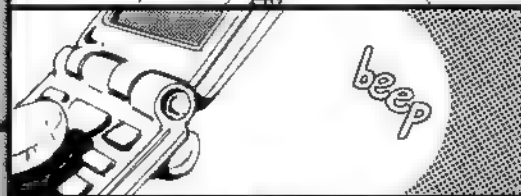


MR.
NAOKI
...



I
CAN'T
WAIT.

GOOD.



....

IS REIRA
FRIENDS
WITH
SHIN?

YOU
DON'T
HAVE
TO
"MISTER"
ME!
♡

REALLY
?

THEY
GOT
BACK
TO-
GETHER
?

YA
GOTTA
WONDER...

SHE'S
FRIENDS
WITH YASU,
THOUGH.
♡

NO,
THEY'RE
JUST
ACQUAIN-
TANCES.

HUH
?

THERE'S
PROBABLY NOT
ANYTHING GO-
ING ON WITH
HER AND TAKUMI.

SHE'S
SWEET

MAYBE
SHE
HEARD
ABOUT
SHIN
FROM YASU
AND
WORRIES
ABOUT HIM.

...
TAKUMI'S
NOT A
LIAR.

I'M
GLAD
...



TAKUMI!!

HOW
MUCH
TROUBLE
ARE THEY
GOING
TO BE?

WHO
IS
IT?

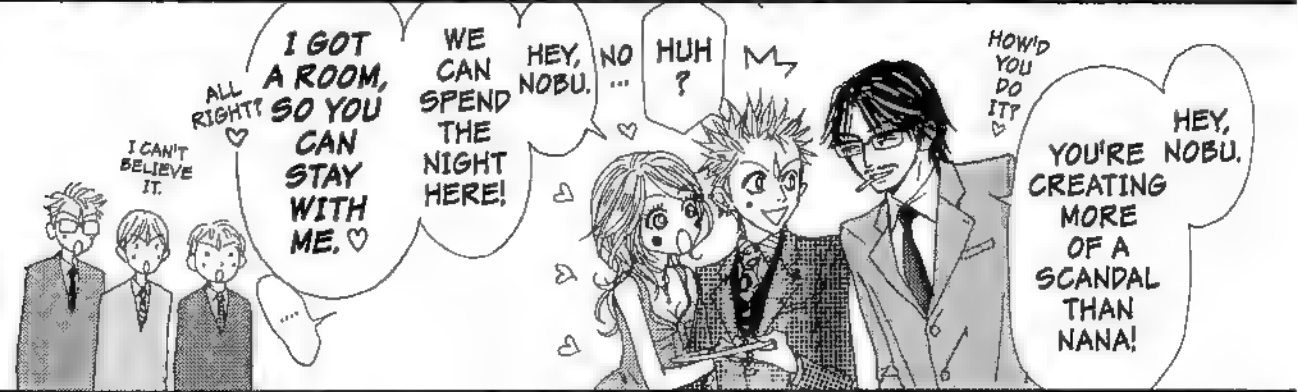
OH
NO
...

WE
GOT
A BIG
DEAL
VIP
IN THE
HOUSE!

NEWS
FLASH!







...TOO MUCH OF A PROBLEM WITH THIS...

TAKUMI LET ME GO SEE THE FIREWORKS, SO HE SHOULDN'T HAVE...





Vrrrooom

...WILL
HATE ME
AGAIN
FOR
SHOWING
UP.

BUT
NOBU
...



THEN HE SAID THAT
HE WISHED HE'D
NEVER BEEN BORN.

...I HAVE TO
CELEBRATE
SHIN'S
BIRTHDAY
EVERY YEAR.

BUT
STILL
...

...HE'LL FEEL
LIKE HE'D BE
BETTER OFF
NOT BEING
BORN.

OTHER-
WISE
I'M
AFRAID...



WHAT
?!

RAKKYO?



THERE'S
PAPA-
RAKKYO
AT THE
FRONT
GATE!

HACHI-
KO-
DUCK!

WOW!



SORRY 'BOUT THAT.

HELLO ...

SHE'S NOT ON THE LIST, BUT SHE'S COOL, RIGHT?

MY FRIEND NANA. ♡

IT'S IN THE MOUNTAINS, SO I GUESS THE REPORTERS DON'T KNOW.

OH. MY BAD.

MS. REIRA TOLD US YOU'D BE COMING.

NO PROBLEM.

SORRY TO FREAK YOU OUT WHEN YOU'RE PREGGERS.

IT'S JUST THE DOOR GUARDS.





WHY DID CINDERELLA'S GLASS SLIPPER...

...SLIP OFF, WHEN IT FIT HER PERFECTLY?



WOW.



I CAN'T HELP BUT THINK THAT SHE DID IT
TO GET THE PRINCE'S ATTENTION.

IT'S LIKE THE JEALOUSY OF A WOMAN WHO
WASN'T CAPABLE OF BEING HAPPY...

ALWAYS ACTING ONSTAGE, ALONE,
RUNNING IN CIRCLES NO MATTER WHAT SHE DID.







IT LOOKS
LIKE A
NANA
TRIBUTE
ALBUM
HAS BEEN
RELEASED!

WAKE
UP,
CAPTAIN!
NEWS
FLASH!

HEY,
LISTEN UP!
ALL THESE
MUSICIANS
WHO LOVE
NANA CAME
TOGETHER,
REGARDLESS
OF THE
CONTRACTUAL
AGREE-
MENTS
WITH
THEIR
RECORD
LABELS.

WE'RE
RISK-
ING
OUR
LIVES!

ARE
THEY
SCREW-
ING
WITH
US
'CAUSE
IT'S
THE
BONUS
PAGE?

DO YOU
GET THE
FEELING
WE'VE
BEEN
HERE
BEFORE?



THE
COMPI-
LATION'S
CALLED
"LOVE
FOR
NANA!"

EACH
ARTIST
PROVIDED A
SONG FOR
BLAST OR
TRAPNEST!

IN
HIRAGANA
ORDER,
SO AS
NOT TO
OFFEND
ANYONE!

I'LL
TELL YOU
ALL THE
ARTISTS
IN-
VOLVED!

THESE
ARE
MAJOR
LABEL
ARTISTS
?

RECORD
LABEL
CON-
TRACTS
?

ABINGDON BOYS SCHOOL (TAKANORI NISHIKAWA'S PROJECT BAND)!

AI OTSUKA!

KAELA KIMURA!

GLEN MATLOCK & THE PHILISTINES FEATURING HOLLY COOK!

SKYE SWEETNAM!

SEX MACHINEGUNS!

JAPAHARINET!

ZONE!

TOSHIHIKO
TAKAMIZAWA!

TETSU69!

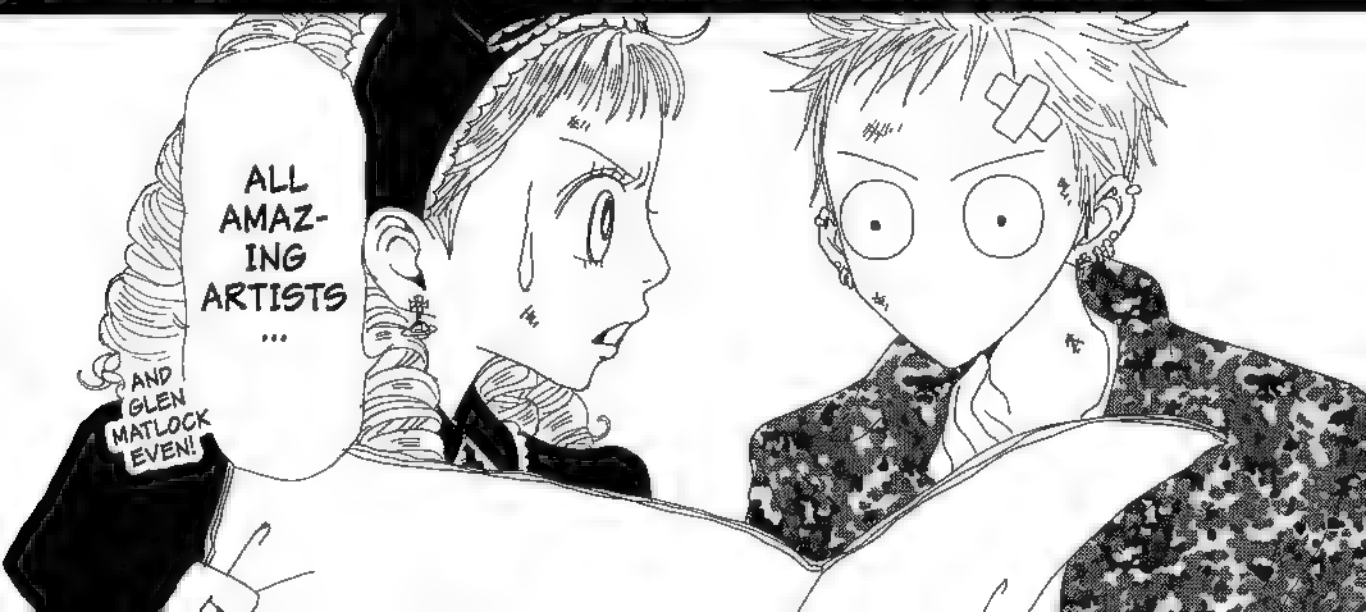
DO AS INFINITY!

TOMMY HEAVENLY4!

TOMOYASU HOTEI FEATURING
MIHO MORIBAYASHI!

ALL
AMAZ-
ING
ARTISTS
...

AND
GLEN
MATLOCK
EVEN!



DO NOT
DOUBT,
LEST
YE BE
CURSED!

The
Family
Times
PRINTS NO
Lies!

Don't
talk
smack
!



What
is this?
Where'd
you even
get this
news-
paper?!

No
way!
It's
just a
rumor!

...MAYBE
IN THE
MAIN STORY
BOTH BANDS
ARE SUPER
FAMOUS
ALL OVER
THE
WORLD?

MAYBE
WE
JUST
DON'T
KNOW
YET,
BUT...

I DON'T
GET IT...
WE SHOULD
PAY TRIBUTE
TO THEM.



BUT IT'S ONLY
BEEN THREE YEARS
SINCE TRAPNEST
WENT MAJOR,
AND WE'RE
STILL A NO-NAME
INDIE BAND THAT
JUST GOT SIGNED.
WHY WOULD SUCH
AWESOME ARTISTS
MAKE A TRIBUTE
ALBUM FOR US?

CONGRAT-
ULATIONS,
CAPTAIN!

NOW
YOU'RE
PROBABLY
PLAYING
SHOWS ON
A GALAXY
STAGE!



NO,
BLAST
RULES
THE
WHOLE
UNI-
VERSE!

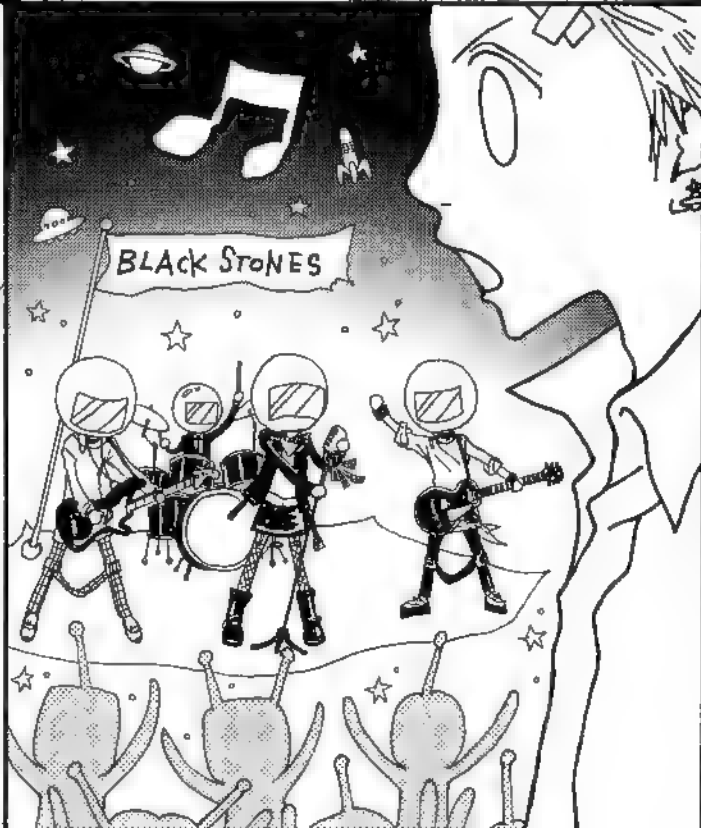


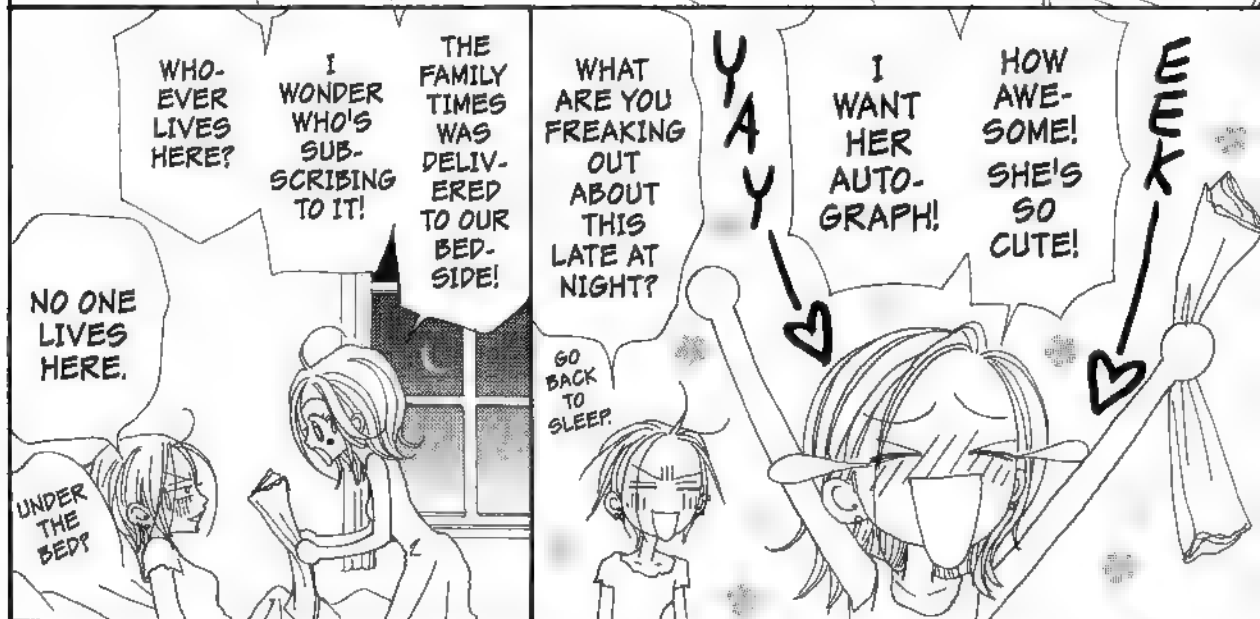
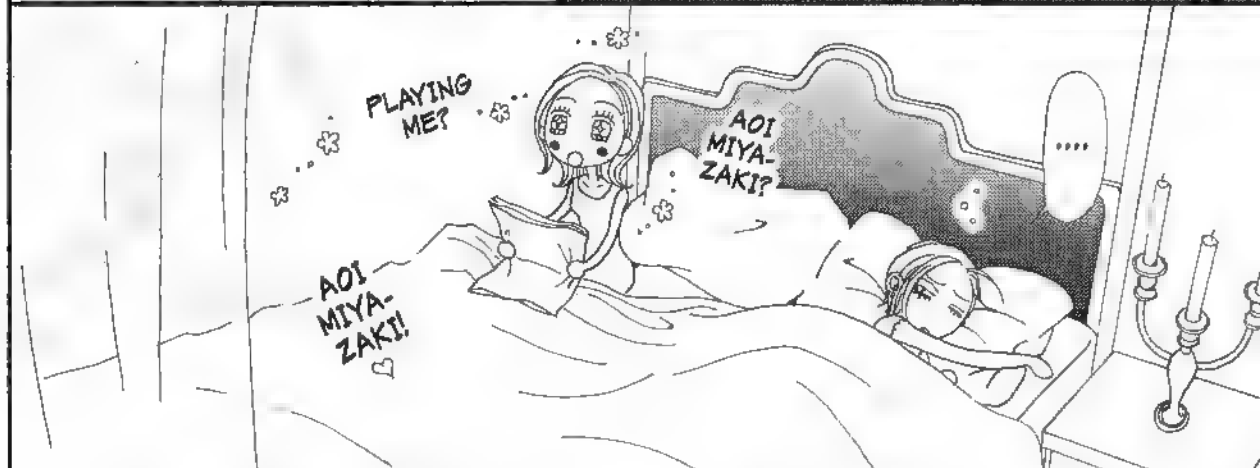
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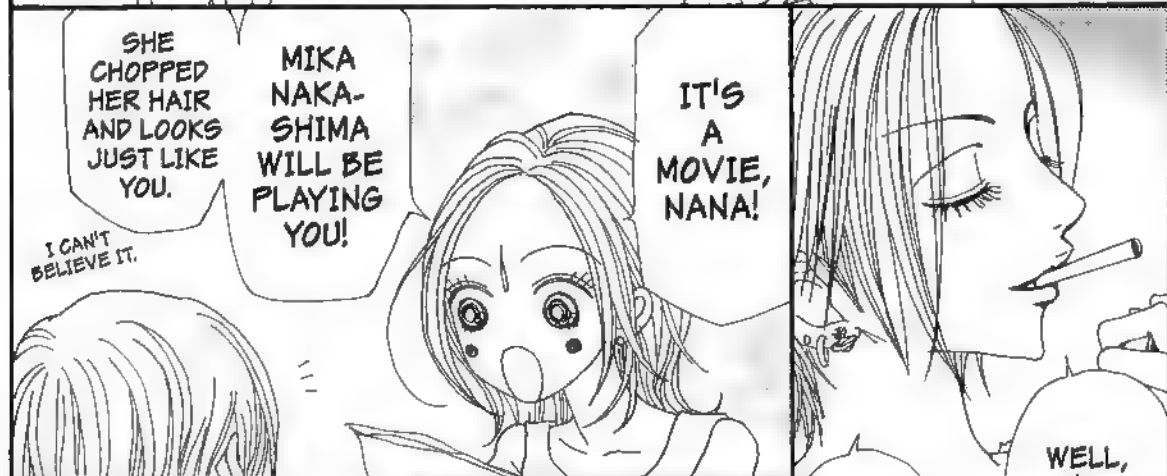
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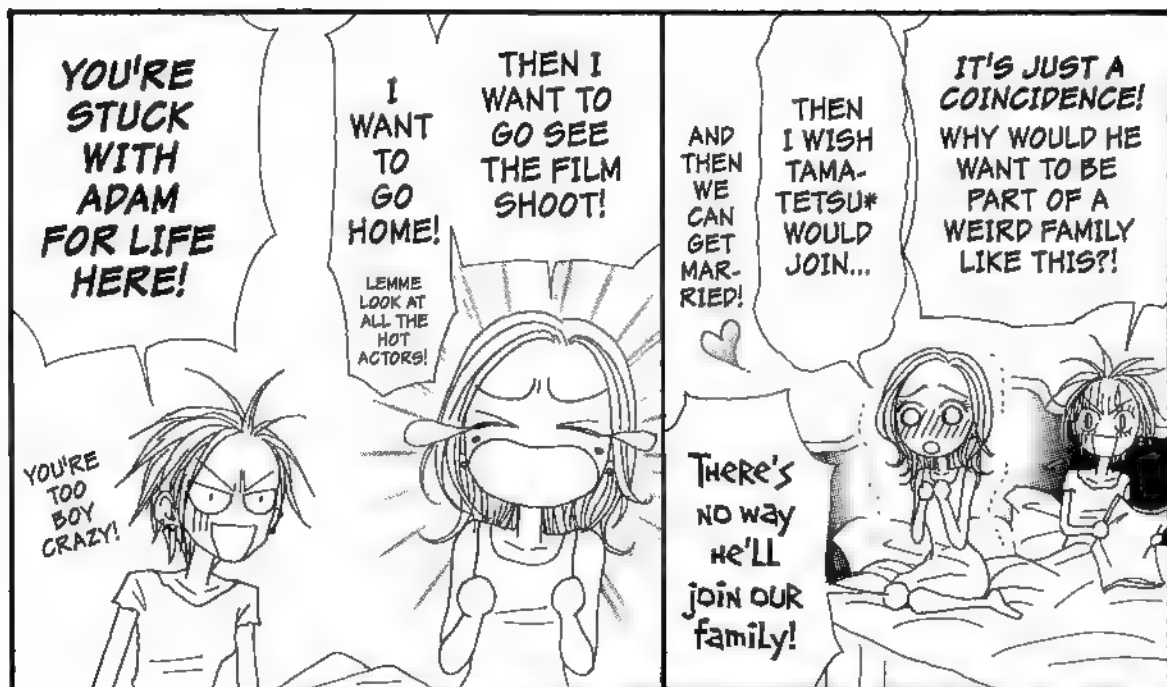
OH, THANK YOU...
A SCRAPPY
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MANGA'S A
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FILLED
WITH
HOPES
AND
DREAMS.









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MIYAKO WASURE



TOMOE SHINOZAKI



HIROSHIMA KAI



TERUHIKO



ANNA



KANAGAWA YURIKA

WELL, JUST BETWEEN YOU AND ME, NANA'S A COMMERCIAL MANGA...

I'M SURE THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO'RE PSYCHED ABOUT IT.

PEOPLE ALWAYS CRITICIZE MANGA THAT GET TURNED INTO MOVIES.

WHAT CAN YA DO?

I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO!

THESE ARE ALL LETTERS FROM READERS WHO ARE AGAINST THE NANA MOVIE...

I HALF EXPECTED IT, BUT I DIDN'T THINK IT'D BE THIS BAD...

...SO WE GOTTA BE READY FOR OTHER COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENTS.

IT'S HARD FOR THE PUBLISHERS, TOO. SHUEI-SHA'S DESPERATE!

LIKE ME!

WHAT?!

HE REALLY SHAVED HIS HEAD?!

IF THE FILM CAN STAND ON ITS OWN, WHY DOES IT HAVE TO BE EXACTLY LIKE THE MANGA?

...BUT MANGA AND FILM ARE DIFFERENT FORMS OF EXPRESSION, SO OF COURSE THE MOVIE WILL BE DIFFERENT.

I UNDERSTAND THAT READERS WANT TO PRESERVE THEIR OWN IMAGE OF THE MANGA...

HE DIDN'T HAVE TO GO THAT FAR.

SHINY BALD!

BUT MR. TOMOMI MARUYAMA, WHO'S PLAYING YASU, SHAVED HIS HEAD FOR THIS!

IT'S RUDE TO THE ACTORS TO SAY IT'S HILARIOUS!

JUNKO!

I'M SCARED TO SEE IT.

.....

IT'S HILARIOUS!

WELL, I DON'T WANT TO PRESSURE ALL THE HATERS, BUT THAT BY ITSELF MAKES THE MOVIE WORTH WATCHING.



I'LL DEFINITELY TAKE KENTARO TO TASK.

HEY, IF I WATCH IT AND IT SUCKS, I'LL SAY SO.

Selling points?
↓

WHO'S KENTARO?

RIGHT NOW, THESE ARE THE ONLY SELLING POINTS I CAN THINK OF!

BUT YOU DON'T KNOW IF A MOVIE'S GOOD OR NOT UNTIL YOU WATCH IT.



BUT IT'S A COOL NAME.

IT'S LIKE A MOVIE STAR NAME.

HOW RUDE.

YOU DON'T CALL HIM MR. KENTARO?

HE WAS INTERVIEWED FOR A REAL NEWS-PAPER.

KENTARO OTANI. HE'S 30.

THE DIRECTOR OF THE NANA MOVIE.



.....



WHAT A MAN...



"IF IT SUCKS, IT'S HIS FAULT."

BASICALLY...

"I'LL BE RESPONSIBLE TO THE FANS. I'LL TRY MY HARDEST NOT TO LET THEM DOWN."



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PO Box 77010
San Francisco, CA 94107

SO WHERE'S SHIN?! "JUNKO'S PLACE" WILL BE TOTALLY OPEN IN VOLUME 13, TOO!

Lots of NANA products on sale!

Is your wallet all right? With all these products coming at you, you'll go broke for sure! Is it fate? Is it coincidence? Is it the will of the Demon Lord? There are two versions of the album cover! The CDs are the same, so don't be a sucker! Which one are you going to get?

March 15

NANA Vol. 12
¥410 (tax included)

March 16

Tribute album
"LOVE for NANA"
¥3,059 (tax included)

March 17

PS2
"NANA" game
¥5,040 (tax included)

NANA Cafe – Open!

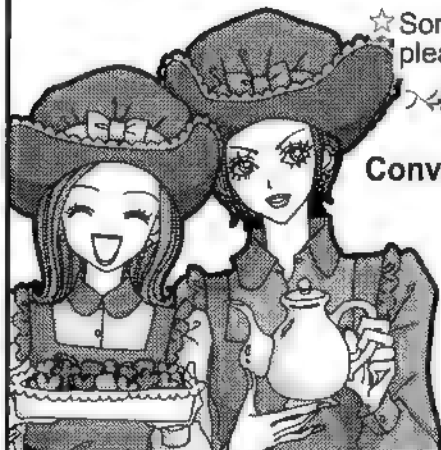
Tuesday, March 15 – Thursday, April 14 only!

Venue Shibuya Udagawa Cafe Suite

An uproar
in Shibuya
?!

☆ Sorry if it's jam-packed! For details, please read the current issue of Cookie!

March 15, 2005



Convention Center Margaret + Cookie COMIC PARTY

Friday, March 18 – Tuesday, April 12 only!

Venue The convention center in front of PARCO, up the Shibuya Spain-zaka.

A satellite shop of Shueisha girl comics! An exhibition of the original NANA illustrations and Nana and Hachi costumes! ♡ Of course they'll have Nana merch on sale, too. ☆ Go to Shibuya on your spring break!

Mekke!
Shueisha comic characters' place!

Lots of Blast tour merch for sale!

<http://mekke.shueisha.co.jp/>



Where you can find everything about NANA!

Web

Official site for NANA online

The latest news about the movie, the music, the manga, etc. <http://www.S-NANA.com/>

Mobile

We also have a mobile site, Mobile NANA!

Available on i-mode, EZweb, and Vodafone live! <http://www.s-nana.com/mobile/index.html>

"Have You Seen Me?"



Shinichi Okazaki



Misato Nakahara
(alias?)



Nobuo Terashima



Nana Osaki



Nana Komatsu



"NANA" Renai Shorigaku"

Rika Kayama

Regular book size

+

On sale May 25.

+

Suggested retail: ¥1050
(tax included)
(Shueisha International)

A sharp analysis of love by the psychiatrist Ms. Rika Kayama! It's a bible for young ladies. ♥ Learn about relationships by looking back on Nana and Hachi's romantic adventures!

NANA: The Making of the Movie.



Book in progress!

As the NANA movie is being made, we'll document the production scenes thoroughly! The book will be full of unreleased photos and behind-the-scenes gossip! ♥ (probably) You gotta read it! Get psyched!

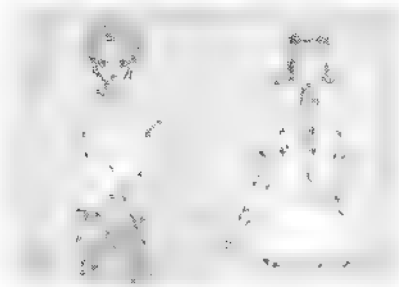
Everything about the book is yet to be determined.
(Shueisha)



It's the stands on the 26th of every month!

<http://cookie.shueisha.co.jp/>

**The May issue
(on sale March 26)
will have a "Special NANA
Comic Book Cover" ♥**



The illustration that was most popular with the readers became a trendy comic book cover. The back cover has a cute illustration of Nana-cat and Hachi-dog. ♥ Change the cover of your comics sometimes. It's spring.

(Bandai) Mail Block, Chara Haru Art for Sale!

Mail Block

4 Types, ¥880 each
(tax included)

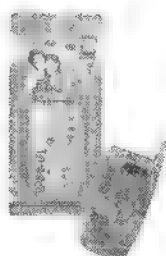
This product protects your privacy by preventing people from reading your e-mail over your shoulder! It also protects your screen from getting scratched. ♥



Chara Haru Art

5 Types, ¥800 each
(tax included)

These are stickers to decorate your cell phone with! ♥ Turn your cell phone into a NANA phone!



Kagen no Tsuki DVD on sale now!

☆ Standard Version. ☆

¥3,990
(tax included)

☆ Platinum Box: ☆

¥9,240
(tax included)

For those who missed the movie, those who want to see it again, and the truly obsessed. The DVD is out now, so you're all set! There's an inexpensive standard version, and a platinum box set available. The box set also contains a disc full of unreleased footage that director Nikai reassembled, to produce a "picturesque beauty where the darkness of night rules." Another disc contains set diaries and other bonus footage. So there are 3 discs all together! It also has Adam (HYDE)'s band EVIL EYE's video, all wrapped up in one gorgeous box! ♥

LOVE for NANA

~Only 1 Tribute~

2005.3.16 ON SALE

All these musicians who love NANA came together,
regardless of their contractual agreements with their record labels.

This is the first, last, and only tribute album!

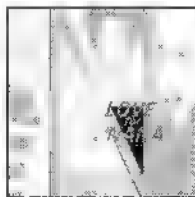
Each artist provided a song for either Blast or Trapnest!

<Participating Artists>

abingdon boys school (Takanori Nishikawa's project band), Ai Otsuka, Kaela Kimura,
Glen Matlock & The Priests featuring Holly Cook, SKYE SWEETNAM, SEX MACHINEGUNS,
JAPAHARINET, ZONE, Tosh-hiko Takamizawa, TETSU69, Do As Infinity, Tommy heavenly6,
Tomoyasu Hotei featuring Miho Moribayashi



Two different versions of the album cover
are new illustrations drawn by Ai Yazawa!



BLACK STONES version



TRAPNEST version

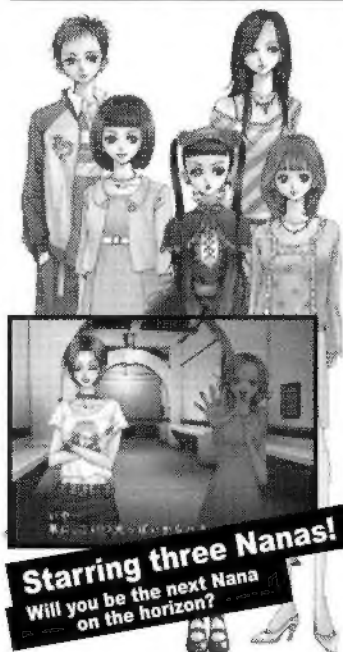
★ First release only! Limited edition tall shiny CD case

★ If you buy it in advance, you get a B2-size poster of a new illustration drawn by Ai Yazawa.

TOCT-25771-4 <There are two versions of the album cover, BLACK STONES and TRAPNEST> ¥3059 (tax included) 

LOVE for NANA official fan site ▶ <http://www.love-for-nana.jp/>

Is there a third Nana?!



NANA will be made into a video game on PS2. We got an exclusive scoop on the contents!

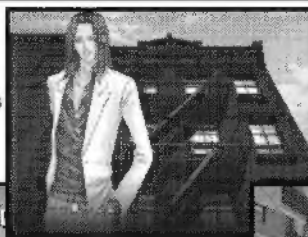
You all know about Nana K. and Nana O. We heard there's now a third Nana! As we investigated further, we obtained information that NANA is being turned into a video game! According to top-secret information provided specially to us, the player is the third Nana, and you experience life in Tokyo with the characters of NANA. You can be friends with famous bands like TRAPNEST and BLACK STONES and participate in various events that occur in the manga. You can choose from five Nana characters that Ai Yazawa-sensei has specially drawn for the game.

You can specify the parameters, like Nana's dream and place of origin, allowing you to experience the world of NANA even more realistically. Who would you pick from the five characters on the left?

Experience life on your own via the video game!

According to Konami, "Making friends, getting close to them, shopping, working—it's the same as our lives. This is a simulation game for living on your own." So that's why it's easy to get really into the characters' feelings. From now on, you can practice living on your own with this video game, before you actually get your own place. This game enables you to experience a new era.

A cell phone is a must-have commodity. But manners are important, too.



Depending on your interaction with the characters, different events will occur. Your dream may come true, you might have an amazing relationship, a new best friend—you decide what happens.



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You get to be the third Nana.

The first Playstation 2

NANA
game.

On sale March 17 from Konami!

The bachelorette simulation game
Suggested retail price ¥5,040 (tax included)

The theme song for
NANA
Playstation 2.

TETSU69

REVERSE
(NANA
edit)

Fans gotta hear it!

The NANA live-action movie!

**We won't give in to harsh criticism!
The movie version is packed with soul!
Get psyched!**



Opens nationwide Fall 2005 at all Toho Yoga theaters!

< Cast >

Nana Osaki ● Mika Nakashima	Nana Komatsu ● Aoi Miyazaki
Ren ● Ryuhei Matsuda	Nobu ● Hiroki Narimiya
Takumi ● Tetsuji Tamayama	Yasu ● Tomomi Maruyama
Shin ● Kenichi Matsuyama	Reira ● Yuna Ito
Naoki ● Momosuke Mizutani	Shoji ● Yuta Hiraoka
Sachiko ● Saeko	Junko ● Anna Nose
Kyosuke ● Takehisa Takayama	Koichi Sato ● Mitsuki Koga
Ms. Sakagami ● Rumi Shishido	

< Director > Kentaro Otani



© NANA Production Committee

NANA is expanding into other media! Since I believe it's my duty to concentrate on my work, my policy is to get involved as little as possible. (Sorry!) The way the creators are developing this work is so passionate, I'm overwhelmed by it. I have to do my best along with Blast, so people don't say this manga is worthless and that the publicity is the only good thing about it. -Ai Yazawa

Ai Yazawa is the creator of many popular manga titles, including *Tenshi Nanka Janai* (I'm No Angel) and *Gokinjo Monogatari* (Neighborhood Story). Another series, *Kagen no Tsuki* (Last Quarter), was made into a live-action movie and released in late 2004. American readers were introduced to Yazawa's stylish and sexy storytelling in 2002 when her title *Paradise Kiss* was translated into English.

Nana has become the all-time best-selling shojo title from Japanese publishing giant Shueisha, and the series even garnered a Shogakukan Manga Award in the girls category in 2003. A live-action *Nana* movie was released in Japan in 2006.





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